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THE KING'S GAMBIT DECLINED.

In the article in *Kagan* which we quoted last month Rudolf Spielmann gives his reasons for thinking that what we may call the normal King's Gambit Declined—1 P—K 4, P—K 4; 2 P—K B 4, B—B 4—is, like the Gambit Accepted and the Falkbeer Counter Gambit, bad for White. Formerly, he says, he played with predilection 3 Kt—Q B 3, P—Q 3; 4 Kt—B 3. Since his game with Tarrasch at Postyyen, 1922, however, he has no longer liked 4 Kt—B 3.

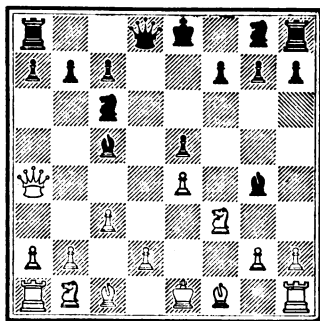
That game proceeded 4... Kt—Q B 3; 5 B—B 4 (we ask, for information, whether White, being prepared later to play this B to Kt 5, would not better do so now), Kt—B 3; 6 P—Q 3, B—K 3!; 7 B—Kt 5 (if 7 B×B, P×B; 8 P×P, P×P, and the double Pawns are very strong; and if 7 Kt—Q 5, B×Kt; 8 P×B, Kt—Q 5!—Dr. Dyckoff's line), P—Q R 3; 8 B×Kt ch, P×B; 9 Q—K 2; P×P; 10 B×P, Q—Kt 1!; 11 Kt—Q 1, Castles; 12 P—B 3, R—K 1; 13 B—K 3 (13 P—Q 4 would leave the King's Pawn weak), B×B; 14 Kt×B, Kt—Kt 5; 15 Castles K R, Q—Kt 3!; 16 Kt—Q 4, Kt×Kt, with a very good game for Black.

6... B—K 3 in the foregoing appears to be Tarrasch's invention, as 10... Q—Kt 1 almost certainly is. In place of the former Spielmann notes another good line:—6... B—K Kt 5; 7 Kt—Q R 4, Kt—Q 5; 8 Kt×B, P×Kt; 9 P×P, Kt—Q 2!; 10 B—B 4, Q—K 2. On move 7 here Black has also B×Kt and after 8 Q×B, Kt—Q 5, a variation analysed by Marco and Fähndrich.

Not liking the game he got at Postyyen, Spielmann at Carlsbad, 1923, played against H. Wolf, instead of 4 Kt—B 3, P—B 3, to which Wolf replied B—K Kt 5. (Svenonius gives 4... P—B 4; 5 B P×P, Q P×P; 6 P—Q 4, P×P; 7 B—Q B 4, B P×P; 8 Kt—K 5 or Kt 5, Black allowing the win of the Exchange. Svenonius and Teichmann consider Black's position overwhelming, but Reti favours White). The game proceeded:—

5 P×P (the old line 5 B—K 2, Kt—Q B 3; 6 P—Kt 4, B—Kt 3; 7 P—Kt 5 is upset by Kt—R 4!), P×P; 6 Q—R 4 ch, Kt—B 3! (see diagram); 7 B—Kt 5 (not 7 Kt×P, Q—R 4 ch; 8 P—Kt 3, B—B 7 ch!; 9 K×B, Q—B 3 ch—an ingenious variation which

Position after Black's 6th move.



Teichmann had previously shown to Spielmann), Q—B 3; 8 P—Q 4, B×Kt; 9 Castles, P×P; 10 P×Q Kt 4 (not 10 R×B, because of P×P dis ch), B—Kt 3; 11 R×B, P×P dis ch; 12 K—R 1, Q—K 3; 13 Kt×P, Kt—K 2; 14 Kt—Q 5 (White is embarrassed for a reasonable continuation), Kt×Kt; 15 P×Kt, Q×P; 16 B—Kt 2, Castles Q R; 17 B×Kt. Now Black, whose play had been exemplary so far, chose the inferior 17.., Q×B, and after the exchange of Queens a draw resulted.

Instead, Black's right game was 17 P×B, followed by the seizure of the open King's File, when White, with his material inferiority, must lose, as he dare not of course play 18 B×P.

Spielmann admits that the Teichmann variation on move 7 requires the test of serious play. With regard to the Svenonius line on move 4 he is inclined to agree with the Swedish analyst. Therefore he does not see much hope for White in this form of the King's Gambit Declined.

Commenting on Rubinstein's brilliant win against Hromadka in a King's Gambit Declined at Mährisch-Ostrau, Spielmann remarks that after 1 P—K 4, P—K 4; 2 P—K B 4, B—B 4; 3 Kt—K B 3, P—Q 3; 4 Kt—B 3, Kt—Q B 3; 5 B—B 4, Kt—B 3; 6 P—Q 3, B—K Kt 5; 7 P—K R 3, B×Kt; 8 Q×B, Hromadka played the old Anderssen variation Kt—Q 5; 9 Q—Kt 3, Q—K 2. This is like using the fire-arms of 1860 in modern warfare, he says, and points out the up-to-date quick-firing invention of Svenonius:—

8.., P×P; 9 B×P, Kt—Q 5; 10 Q—Kt 3, Kt—R 4; 11 Q—Kt 4, Kt×B; 12 Q×Kt, Kt×P ch; 13 K—Q 1, Kt—K 6, with Kt×B to follow. Or 9 Q×P, Kt—K 4; 10 B—Kt 3, Kt—R 4, etc.

[It is perhaps hardly necessary to point out that the opening in the earlier part of this article might be regarded as a Vienna; and, as a matter of fact, we find on reference that Spielmann *v.* Tarrasch at Postyen did open as such, *viz.*, 1 P—K 4, P—K 4; 2 Kt—Q B 3, Kt—Q B 3; 3 B—B 4, Kt—B 3; 4 P—Q 3, B—B 4; 5 P—B 4, etc.]

OBITUARY.

We are extremely sorry to hear as we go to press, of the death of Mr. John Watkinson, to whom actually this magazine is due. He was the editor of the old *Huddersfield College Journal*, particulars of which we have already referred to in this magazine on many occasions, and which after some years was given up in favour of a wider periodical, known to the general chess public as *The British Chess Magazine*. Mr. Watkinson was for many years editor. He was also known as a fine chessplayer amongst his many friends in the North, and has throughout his life supported chess in many ways. Right up to the end he was a regular subscriber to the *B.C.M.*, read it carefully and was specially interested in the Problem Department, frequently pointing out cases when there were any errors. Mr. H. E. Atkins used frequently to go see him and discuss problems and chess matters. In our next number we shall give further particulars of one of the Grand Old Men of Chess.

THE GRÜNFELD DEFENCE TO THE Q.P. GAME.

We summarise from an article by Hans Müller, in the August number of the *Tidskrift för Schack*, the following analysis of the above opening (1 P—Q 4, Kt—KB 3; 2 P—QB 4, P—K Kt 3).

Group A. White plays 3 Kt—QB 3, with a view to P—K 4.

Best is 3... P—Q 4, from which may follow 4 Kt—B 3, B—Kt 2; 5 P×P, Kt×P; 6 P—K 4!, Kt×Kt!; 7 P×Kt, P—QB 4.

Kostich-Grünfeld, Teplitz, 1922, continued: 8 B—Kt 5 ch, Kt—Q 2; 9 B×Kt ch, Q×B; 10 B—K 3, P×P; 11 P×P, Castles +.

Prof. Becker-Grünfeld, match, 1922, continued: 8 B—K 2, Castles; 9 Castles, P×P; 10 P×P, Kt—B 3; 11 B—K 3, B—Kt 5 (better is P—B 4, and if 12 Q—Kt 3 ch, K R 1; 13 Kt—Kt 5, P—B 5. If 14 Kt—B 7 ch, R×Kt; 15 Q×R, P×B. Or if 14 B—Q 2, Kt×P); 12 P—Q 5, Kt—K 4 =.

After 3 Kt—QB 3, P—B 4, Rubinstein-Alekhine, Vienna, 1922, continued: 4 Kt—B 3, B—Kt 2; 5 P—K 3, Castles; 6 P×P, Kt×P; 7 B—B 4, Kt×Kt; 8 P×Kt, P—QB 4!; 9 Castles, Kt—B 3; 10 B—R 3 +. In place of 9... Kt—B 3, 9... Q—B 2 was played in Rubinstein-Grünfeld, Carlsbad, 1923, with the continuation: 10 Q—K 2, Kt—Q 2; 11 P—K 4, Kt—Kt 3; 12 B—Kt 3, B—Kt 5; 13 B—K 3, P—B 5 (P×P!); 15 B—B 2. Black has a satisfactory game.

Also, after 3 Kt—QB 3, P—Q 4, either 4 B—B 4 or B—Kt 5 is possible, but not good, *e.g.*:

Sämisch-Grünfeld, Postyen, 1922: 4 B—B 4, B—Kt 2; 5 P—K 3, P—B 3!; 6 P—K R 3, Castles; 7 Kt—B 3, Q Kt—Q 2; 8 R—B 1, P×P; 9 B×P, P—B 4!; 10 P×P, Kt×P; 11 Castles, Q×Q; 12 K R×Q, B—K 3; 13 B×B, Kt×B; 14 B—K 5, K R—Q 1, resulting in a draw. But, in place of 7... Q Kt—Q 2, 7... P—B 4! was better, *e.g.*, 8 Q P×P, Q—R 4; 9 R—B 1?, Kt—K 5, etc. Or 8 B P×P, Kt×P; 9 Kt×Kt, Q×Kt +.

Alekhine-Grünfeld, Vienna, 1922: 4 B—Kt 5, Kt—K 5!; 5 P×P, Kt×Kt; 6 P×Kt, Q×P; 7 Kt—B 3, B—Kt 2; 8 P—K 3, P—QB 4!; 9 B—Kt 5 ch, B—Q 2; 10 P—B 4, Q—K 5; 11 Castles, B×B +.

Group B. White plays the King's fianchetto.

After 3 P—K Kt 3, B—Kt 2; 4 B—Kt 2, P—Q 4; 5 P×P, Kt×P; 6 P—K 4, Kt—Kt 3; 7 Kt—K 2, Castles; 8 Castles, Kt—R 3!; 9 Q Kt—B 3, P—QB 4; 10 P—Q 5, P—K 3; 11 B—B 4, P×P; 12 P×P, Black can play Kt—B 5—Q 3, with advantage.

In Przepiorka-Grünfeld, Postyen, 1922, a quick draw came about as follows: 1 P—Q 4, Kt—KB 3; 2 Kt—KB 3, P—K Kt 3; 3 P—K Kt 3, B—Kt 2; 4 B—Kt 2, P—Q 4; 5 Castles, Castles; 6 Q Kt—Q 2, Q Kt—Q 2; 7 P—Kt 3, P—B 4!; 8 P—K 3, B P×P; 9 K P×P, Kt—Kt 3; 10 Kt—K 5, K Kt—Q 2; 11 B—Kt 2, Kt×Kt; 12 P×Kt, Q—B 2; 13 R—K 1, B—B 4; 14 R—QB 1, Q R—B 1; 15 P—QB 4, drawn.

Rubinstein-Tartakover, Vienna, 1922, ran: 1 P—Q 4, Kt—KB 3; 2 Kt—KB 3, P—K Kt 3; 3 P—B 4, B—Kt 2; 4 Kt—B 3, Castles;

5 P—K Kt 3, P—Q 4; 6 P×P, Kt×P; 7 B—Kt 2, P—Q B 4; 8 Castles, P×P; 9 Kt×P, Kt×Kt; 10 P×Kt.

Group C. White plays 3 P—Q 5.

If now 3... B—Kt 2; 4 Kt—Q B 3, P—Q 3; 5 Kt—B 3, Castles; 6 P—K Kt 3, P—K 3; 7 B—Kt 2, P×P; 8 P×P, R—K 1; 9 Kt—Q 4, Q Kt—Q 2; 10 Castles, Kt—B 4! But White has the better game with his well-posted K Kt and the open Q B file.

Instead of 6... P—K 3 here, Black has 6... P—B 3. White then does not get much out of his Pawn on Q 5, and Black's Bishop on Kt 2 has more effect than the correspondent White Bishop.

In Alekhine-Yates, Carlsbad, 1923, after 1 P—Q 4, Kt—K B 3; 2 P—Q B 4, P—K Kt 3; 3 P—K Kt 3, B—Kt 2; 4 B—Kt 2, Castles (P—Q 4 was better); 5 Kt—K B 3, P—Q 3; 6 Kt—B 3, Black provoked P—Q 5 with 6 &, Kt—B 3? The game continued 7 P—Q 5, Kt—Kt 1; 8 P—K 4, Q Kt—Q 2; 9 Castles, P—Q R 4; 10 B—K 3, Kt—Kt 5; 11 B—Q 4, K Kt—K 4. White could have got the advantage now with Kt—Q 2 and P—B 4.

Bogoljuboff-Tarrasch, Carlsbad, 1923, ran: 1 P—Q 4, Kt—K B 3; 2 Kt—K B 3, P—K Kt 3; 3 P—B 4, B—Kt 2; 4 Kt—B 3, Castles? (P—K 4!); 5 P—K 4, P—Q 3; 6 B—B 4!, P—K R 3 (Kt—R 4 was better); 7 Q—Q 2, K—R 2; 8 P—K R 3, Q Kt—Q 2; 9 Castles, and White won on the 28th move.

Tarrasch-Euwe, Amsterdam, 1923, was the same variation, with 6 B—Q 3 (instead of B 4), enabling Black to play 6... P—K 4.

In Capablanca-Reti, London, 1922, the champion's method is interesting: 1 P—Q 4, Kt—K B 3; 2 Kt—K B 3, P—K Kt 3; 3 P—K R 3 (in preparation for the next move), B—Kt 2; 4 B—B 4, Castles; 5 Q Kt—Q 2, P—Q 3; 6 P—K 3, Q Kt—Q 2; 7 P—B 3, P—B 4; 8 B—B 4, P—Kt 3; 9 Castles, B—Kt 2; 10 Q—K 2 +.

The analyst comes to a favourable conclusion as to the soundness of the Grünfeld Defence.

Mr. O. C. Müller remarked the other day that Blackburne played this defence many years ago; but, as he did not regularly play it, and as Grünfeld has investigated it much, we may perhaps be justified in following the nomenclature adopted on the Continent.—Ed. *B.C.M.*

REVIEWS.

The Field Book of Chess Generalship: Grand Operations. By Franklin K. Young. New York and London: H. P. Putnam's Sons.

It will be remembered by old readers of the *British Chess Magazine* that in 1895 a book called *Minor Tactics of Chess*, by F. K. Young and Edwin C. Hull, was reviewed by us at some length. We believe this was followed by one on *Major Tactics* two or three years later. What success these books had amongst chessplayers we do not know; but it has evidently been sufficiently good for Mr. Young to continue his attempts at teaching players something of strategy and generalship.

This particular book has an introduction by A. B. Hodges, an ex-champion of the U.S., together with a selection of some of his games,

with notes by E. Lasker, Steinitz, Gunsberg, which will be read with interest. Interspersed with Mr. Young's directions to players are several stories of a humorous nature, which are quite entertaining. The games illustrating his points are taken from various sources and include examples of such players as Paul Morphy, H. N. Pillsbury, J. H. Zukertort, Dr. Emmanuel Lasker, W. Steinitz, Capt. G. H. Mackenzie, etc. ; but, whether ordinary chessplayers will understand the terms used by Mr. Young or not, they cannot fail to benefit by examination of many of these games.

We must confess that the author's method of literature does not commend itself to us. The terms in which he talks are not those of the ordinary player. Whether they are in any way allied to those of the Military Field Book we cannot say ; but such terms as " Right Major front " and " Left Minor front " leave us cold. Annotations to games such as " White formation *en appui* preparatory to reinforcing his Right Major front *en potence* by *en echelon*," " White moves forward in formation by the right major front aligned," or " Black resumes his advances on the Left Major front refused and aligned " are not such as will be understandable in general. But, interspersed with what we should call all this " bunkum," there are several maxims which are well worth remembering. For instance, the heading of Chapter I is : " It is an error to think that anyone ever beats another at chess play, the defeated is always the architect of his own misfortune."

Das Schachspiel und seine Historische Entwicklung. By L. Bachmann. Leipzig and Berlin : B. G. Teubner.

Another excellent chess work in a foreign language lies before us—this time in German and from the pen of the well-known writer on the game, Herr Ludwig Bachmann, whose name is a guarantee that the book is one worth adding to the chess library. The author sets out to describe the historical development of the game from early times to the present day, illustrated by examples of play (end-games in the early period) taken from the best available sources. As far as such a task can be carried out in the space of 178 pages, the attempt has met with success ; and the 81 actual games reproduced, ranging in date from 1780 to 1923, are indeed an instructive study.

The text, historical and critical, which accompanies and introduces the games, is to the point ; and the illustrations, from portraits and photographs of eminent masters of the past and the present, are a pleasing addition. We think, however, that a better portrait of Morphy might have been found. Lasker and Capablanca, on the other hand, are admirable.

We have only found one serious mistake, in a summary perusal of the book. On p. 66 it is stated, under the year 1894, that Steinitz scored 10 games, Lasker 5, in their first match for the world's championship—the actual case, of course, being the reverse.

We regret being unable to quote the price asked for the work in English money, the figure marked on the slip accompanying it being obscure. Perhaps the publisher will inform us in time for our next issue ?

NEWS FROM THE BRITISH ISLES.

The match between Lancashire and Middlesex in the final round of the English Counties' chess championship, 1923, was played at St. Bride's Institute, London, E.C. on Saturday afternoon, December 8th.

Both teams put practically their best teams in the field and a fine match ensued, Lancashire thoroughly deserving their success. They have taken back to Lancashire the Lowenthal cup which they first won last year.

Play began at 2-45. The first game over was on board 1. Dr. Holmes with a Pawn up had the better position, but on attempting to win a second Pawn and the Exchange found his opponent had prepared a brilliant sacrifice of two pieces to secure a draw by perpetual check. The position at this point was as in the annexed diagram:—

Black continued 21... Kt×P; 22 R—Kt 4, K R—Q 1? (P—Kt 3 wins); 23 R×P ch, K×R; 24 B—R 6 ch (and here White misses a win by 24 Q—B 6 ch, K—B 1; 25 B—Kt 5), K×B; 25 Q—B 6 ch, K—R 4; 26 Q×P ch and draws by perpetual check.

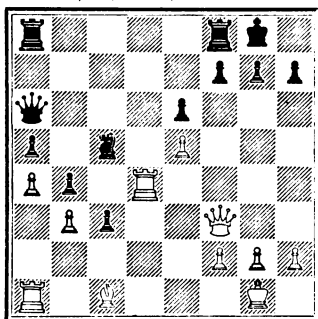
This was followed by another draw on board 10. Then on board 2, E. G. Sergeant forced a win with a Dutch Defence against Wahltuch, who made an error in allowing his Queen's Bishop's Pawn to be doubled.

On board 6 Griffith made an early miscalculation in the opening which lost a Pawn, and in endeavouring to complicate the position he got his Queen badly placed, and at one period Lewis might have won it by a move of his King. He however found an eventual winning line which levelled up matters again. This, however, was of short duration, for Savage, whose opponent fell into the well-known trap: 1 P—K 4, P—Q 4; 2 P×P, Q×P; 3 Kt—Q B 3, Q—Q 1; 4 B—B 4, Kt—K B 3; 5 Kt—B 3, B—Kt 5?; 6 B×P ch, had little difficulty in bringing off a win. Bonwick on board 8 followed with another win, and on board 14 a draw was agreed. Here, however, W. R. Thomas mismanaged the ending and should have won, indeed even on the position when the draw was agreed he had winning chances.

The next game to be finished was on board 13 where W. H. Watts brought off a pretty finish. The scoring then was Middlesex 5½, Lancashire 2½, only two more points being required by Middlesex to win the match, but A. R. B. Thomas outplayed Healey in the end-game and Buerger in a good position lost his way against Rhodes, while Miller succumbed to Kelly, who a Pawn up, played the ending

Position on White's 21st move.

BLACK (12 pieces) DR. H. HOLMES



WHITE (11 pieces) B. E. SIEGHEIM

in a relentless fashion, and Saunders on board 3, who apparently had the better position for most of the game, was unable to find any winning line, and in his endeavour to do so very nearly gave his opponent an opportunity of turning the tables. The two remaining games were continued till the call of time, the score being 6 all.

P. W. Sergeant for a long time appeared to have the better game. Dawbarn defended a Queen's Gambit Declined with the Marshall *v.* Capablanca line of 5. ., Kt—K 5. Sergeant developed his Bishop at K 2 instead of Q 3, losing several moves thereby, but maintained an advantage till towards the middle-game, when his play weakened and Dawbarn broke through, and at the call of time was two Pawns up. Sergeant, however, had a Bishop against a Knight, and it was thought might have a drawing chance. Spence on board 4 had a strenuous game with his opponent, and with a passed Pawn on the King's file seemed to have the advantage. Du Mont, however, by careful play got a counter-attack and thought on call of time he had a chance of winning. These two games were sent to L. P. Rees for adjudication by the B.C.F. adjudicator. The full score is as follows :—

| LANCASHIRE. | | | | | | MIDDLESEX. | | | | | |
|----------------|------------------|----|----|----|----------------|-----------------|----|----|----|----------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Dr. H. Holmes | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | B. E. Sieghem | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 2 | V. L. Wahltuch | .. | .. | .. | 0 | E. G. Sergeant | .. | .. | .. | 1 | |
| 3 | D. Joseph | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | H. Saunders | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 4 | E. Spencer | .. | .. | .. | $*\frac{1}{2}$ | J. du Mont | .. | .. | .. | $*\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 5 | C. Y. C. Dawbarn | .. | .. | .. | $*1$ | P. W. Sergeant | .. | .. | .. | $*0$ | |
| 6 | J. Lewis | .. | .. | .. | 1 | R. C. Griffith | .. | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 7 | T. Kelly | .. | .. | .. | 1 | D. Miller | .. | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 8 | E. A. Grieg | .. | .. | .. | 0 | W. E. Bonwick | .. | .. | .. | 1 | |
| 9 | S. Keir | .. | .. | .. | 0 | L. Savage | .. | .. | .. | 1 | |
| 10 | P. F. Blake | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | W. H. Regan | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 11 | H. G. Rhodes | .. | .. | .. | 1 | V. Buerger | .. | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 12 | A. R. B. Thomas | .. | .. | .. | 1 | P. Healey | .. | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 13 | F. H. Hardman | .. | .. | .. | 0 | W. H. Watts | .. | .. | .. | 1 | |
| 14 | W. R. Thomas | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | M. E. Goldstein | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
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| | | | | | | 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ | | | | | 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| * Adjudicated. | | | | | | | | | | | |

* Adjudicated.

After the match was over the Middlesex team entertained their opponents to supper at St. Bride's Institute and the president of the Middlesex Association welcomed the visitors and congratulated them on their feat of defeating a strong Middlesex side. Mr. Thomas in reply hoped they would not be long before a Southern team would come to the North to play a match there. L. P. Rees, in answer to enquiries with regard to the British Chess Federation said that he was not in a position at the moment to give any details, but made some interesting hints as to the future activities of the Federation.

The annual Report Book of the Surrey County Chess Association is good reading. The Association is endeavouring to form a permanent invested fund and a new trophy fund for which there are whist drives and lightning tournaments, the lightning tournaments on the 28th February and 1st March, and the whist drive on March 5th; and the competitions show a considerable interest in the Association by

the various clubs and members. The present Surrey champion is R. C. J. Walker.

In this report are given the winners of the Inter-County events from which we find the County championship was won in 1908 to 1910 by Middlesex, 1911 Surrey, 1912 Kent, 1913 and 1914 Middlesex, 1920 Surrey, 1921 Yorkshire, 1922 Lancashire, who by winning their match with Middlesex on December 8th retained the Lowenthal cup of which they were the holders last year.

The Year Book of the Kent County Chess Association is that of another successful County Association. This is a great deal to do with the hard work of the match captain, R. H. S. Stevenson and the hon. treasurer, S. J. Holloway. The individual champion of the county (the championship is run on a knock-out principle) is W. M. Brooke.

There will be no Easter congress in Kent next year in view of the fact that it is intended to hold another one in the West of England at that time to which the K.C.C.A. have undertaken to give all the support they can.

At a meeting of the North Wales Chess Association on November 24th, R. W. Egerton, J.P. (Wrexham) in the chair, the hon. secretary, J. B. C. Kershaw reported that seven clubs had affiliated and entered for the season's tournaments. The final is to be played at Chester and the annual meeting of the N.W.C.A. held on the same day.

The annual report of the Bradford Chess Club shows a balance on the year of £29, and this from an annual subscription of 10/- shows splendid management. The members number nearly 200.

The West London Chess Club brought a strong team to Cambridge University headquarters on Saturday, December 1st, the following being the full score:—

| WEST LONDON. | | | | | | CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY. | | | | | |
|--------------|--------------------|----|----|----|---------------|-----------------------|----|----|----|----|---------------|
| 1 | W. H. Regan | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | A. W. Enell | .. | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 2 | F. Dark | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | J. E. West | .. | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 3 | Dr. Duncan | .. | .. | .. | 0 | A. R. B. Thomas | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| 4 | C. E. Ford | .. | .. | .. | 1 | R. M. Dowdeswell | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 5 | F. J. Camm | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | H. J. C. Herrick | .. | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 6 | F. Downey | .. | .. | .. | 1 | E. H. Bateman | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 7 | R. Eastman | .. | .. | .. | 1 | S. Goldstein | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 8 | Capt. Ullman | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | G. E. Hewson | .. | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 9 | W. S. Wallis | .. | .. | .. | 1 | M. A. Vernon | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 10 | D. Simon | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | Dr. Kapitsa | .. | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 11 | Dr. Fornach | .. | .. | .. | 1 | C. L. Caton | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 12 | H. A. Brady | .. | .. | .. | 1 | D. Littlewood | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 13 | J. W. H. Saybourne | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | M. A. Porter | .. | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 14 | W. H. Robertson | .. | .. | .. | 0 | J. Pepper | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| 15 | E. C. Bowen | .. | .. | .. | 1 | J. W. R. Leistokov | .. | .. | .. | .. | 5 |
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A match was played at Bury St. Edmunds on December 8th between Ipswich and Cambridge University, with the following result :—

| IPSWICH. | | | | | CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY. | | | | |
|----------|-----------------------|----|----|---------------|-----------------------------------|----|----|-----------------|--|
| 1 | C. Davey | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | J. E. West (Down) | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 2 | W. A. Hooper | .. | .. | 1 | E. H. Bateman (Trinity) | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 3 | A. J. Hamblin | .. | .. | *1 | S. Goldstein (John's) | .. | .. | *0 | |
| 4 | W. Curtis | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | G. E. Hewson (St. Caths.) | .. | .. | * $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 5 | A. W. Gaze | .. | .. | 1 | M. A. Vernon (Trinity) | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 6 | R. M. Cook | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | P. Sherman (Trinity) | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 7 | J. M. Cooper | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | G. W. Furlonge (Emmanuel) | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 8 | J. W. Wilson | .. | .. | *0 | R. N. Martin (John) | .. | .. | *1 | |
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The Hastings and St. Leonards Chess Club announce that entries are invited for the Boys' Open championship for boys of British birth who are under eighteen until after the 1st of May, to be played at the club in the week beginning April 21st, 1924; the winner to receive a gold medal and also to hold for one year the Ginner trophy won by last year's boy champion, P. S. Milner Barry, of Cheltenham College.

A prize will be given in the preliminary section and a silver medal awarded to the runner-up in the championship. For boys whose strength does not warrant their entering this competition, separate tournaments according to age will be carried on.

The following is the full score of a match between Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight played recently :—

| PORTSMOUTH. | | | | | ISLE OF WIGHT. | | | | |
|-----------------|----------------------|----|----|---------------|-----------------------|----|----|---------------|--|
| 1 | A. Hayes | .. | .. | *0 | F. Braund | .. | .. | *1 | |
| 2 | H. D. Osborn | .. | .. | *1 | Rev. W. Evill | .. | .. | *0 | |
| 3 | E. Clayton | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | F. Joyce | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 4 | H. D. Lloyd | .. | .. | 0 | H. W. Daws | .. | .. | 1 | |
| 5 | W. Jenkins | .. | .. | 1 | F. Miller | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 6 | J. W. Cooper | .. | .. | 0 | P. L. Blakely | .. | .. | 1 | |
| 7 | J. Hirst | .. | .. | 1 | T. G. Lucas | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 8 | H. McLean | .. | .. | 0 | A. J. Tayler | .. | .. | 1 | |
| 9 | W. B. Hyman | .. | .. | 1 | Major Greer | .. | .. | 0 | |
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Mr. F. D. Yates made a simultaneous tour in South Wales with the following result: at Newbury he won 21, lost 1 and drew 1; at Blaenau he won 22, lost 1 and drew 1; at Tredegar he won 17 and drew 1; at Merthyr he won 27 and drew 5; at Cardiff he won 16 and drew 1; at Perth he won 24 and drew 1. He only lost 2 games out of 139—a fine record.

A. G. Conde played at Beverley on November 24th against 24 opponents, winning 23 and losing 1.

The following is the full score of a match between the Imperial Chess Club and the R.A.C., played at the former's quarters, 17 Stratford Place, on December 4th :—

| R.A.C. CHESS CIRCLE. | | | | | | IMPERIAL CHESS CLUB. | | | | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|----|----|----|---------------|----------------------|----|----|----|---------------|--|
| 1 | R. Eastman | .. | .. | .. | 1 | Sir Edgar Wigram | .. | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 2 | G. E. Fulstow | .. | .. | .. | 1 | C. Wreford-Brown | .. | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 3 | E. Titley | .. | .. | .. | 0 | W. C. Danford | .. | .. | .. | 1 | |
| 4 | Lt. L. M. Duval | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | H. E. Tudor | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 5 | J. A. Miles | .. | .. | .. | 1 | H. J. C. Hardcastle | .. | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 6 | N. M. Donaldson | .. | .. | .. | 0 | Miss Finn | .. | .. | .. | 1 | |
| 7 | C. P. Wenzel | .. | .. | .. | 1 | J. F. Chance | .. | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 8 | Rear-Admiral A. K. Waistell | .. | .. | .. | 1 | Dr. V. H. Rutherford | .. | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 9 | C. C. Herd (absent) | .. | .. | .. | 0 | Miss Cotton | .. | .. | .. | 1 | |
| 10 | H. B. Ellison | .. | .. | .. | 0 | Miss Hooke | .. | .. | .. | 1 | |
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M. Euwe (Holland), E. Colle (Belgium), A. Seitz (Germany) and F. D. Yates, J. H. Blake, R. P. Michell, G. M. Norman and H. E. Price.

There will also be a Major tournament and a first, second and fourth class tournament. Play will begin on the night of Thursday, December 27th and the succeeding days play will start at 9-30 a.m. and continue till 1-30 p.m. A double round will be played on Saturday, December 29th. The congress will be finished on Friday, January 4th.

For the London congress, owing to lack of support, the programme has had to be revised. It will not take place at the Regent Polytechnic but at the headquarters of the London Chess League, St. Bride's Institute. There are ten entries for the Boys' championship of London, and the prizes will be: First, £2 10s.; Second, £1 10s.; Third, £1; Fourth, 15s.; Fifth, 10s.

The tournament for the London championship has been postponed this year. There will be an "A" tournament for ten players and we understand E. J. Price, G. E. Wernick, Mrs. R. H. S. Stevenson, Mrs. S. J. Holloway, W. H. Watts, L. Savage and R. C. Griffith with others have entered. There also will be a "B" tournament for ten players, but we have not received a list of the entries.

The congress will be opened by Major R. W. Barnett, M.P., on December 31st, and will start at 10 a.m. There will be two rounds on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, and the tournament will be completed on Saturday, when the prizes will be distributed by the president.

"A Pageant of Living Chess," written by Leonard P. Rees, the genial and hard working secretary of the B.C.F. was produced by the City of Oxford Amateur Dramatic Club on Friday, October 19th, in aid of the Y.M.C.A. re-building fund, and proved a tremendous success. If any reader or club wishes to get up such a pageant, we have no doubt L. P. Rees will be glad to let them have a copy of the pageant which he has so ably written.

MATCHES IN BRIEF.

| <i>Date.</i> | <i>Home Side.</i> | <i>Visitors.</i> | <i>H.S.</i> | <i>V.</i> | <i>Occasion.</i> |
|--------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|-----------|------------------|
| Nov 14— | Central Y.M.C.A. | Battersea II | 4½ | 3½ | L.C.L.C. |
| " 14— | W.D.O. | S.W.D.O. | 5 | 3 | L.P.L. |
| " 15— | S.E.P.O. | N.W.D.O. | 4½ | 3½ | L.P.L. |
| " 15— | Bohemians | Lee | 12 | 8 | L.C.L.A. |
| " 15— | Ludeagle | Wood Green | 11 | 9 | L.C.L.A. |
| " 16— | Brixton | Lewisham | 12½ | 7½ | L.C.L.A. |
| " 17— | Cheltenham | Derby | 7½ | 2½ | <i>friendly</i> |
| " 19— | Ludeagle | North London | 9 | 10* | L.C.L.A. |
| " 19— | Bearsden | Bohemians | 4½ | 2½ | G.L. 2 |
| " 20— | Glasgow | Polytechnic | 8 | 2 | G.L. 1 |
| " 20— | Battersea II | Ilford | 5 | 3 | L.C.L.C. |
| " 20— | Hampstead II | Battersea II | ½ | 7½ | L.C.L.C. |
| " 21— | Central | Queen's Park | 7 | 3 | G.L. 1 |
| " 21— | North London II | Battleaxe | 4 | 4 | L.C.L.C. |
| " 21— | C.T.O. | S.E.P.O. | 8 | 0 | L.P.L. |

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| Nov. 21—Inland Section | .. S.E.D.O. | .. 5½ | .. 2½ | .. L.P.L. |
| .. 22—F.C. and F.S. | .. N.W.D.O. | .. 5½ | .. 2½ | .. L.P.L. |
| .. 22—Metropolitan | .. Athenaeum | .. 10 | .. 10 | .. L.C.L.A. |
| .. 23—West London | .. Lee | .. 16½ | .. 3½ | .. L.C.L.A. |
| .. 23—Reading | .. Gas Company | .. 6½ | .. ½* | .. R. & D.L. |
| .. 24—Leeds | .. Sheffield | .. 6 | .. 4 | .. E.W.C. |
| .. 24—Rotherham | .. Bradford | .. 3 | .. 7 | .. E.W.C. |
| .. 24—Huddersfield | .. Hull | .. 5 | .. 5 | .. E.W.C. |
| .. 24—Queen's Park | .. Burns | .. 3 | .. 4 | .. R.C. |
| .. 24—Thornton | .. Keighley | .. 4½ | .. 2½ | .. Y.O.T. |
| .. 24—Devon | .. Cornwall | .. 6 | .. 4 | .. friendly |
| .. 24—Liberal Club | .. Maidenhead | .. 4½ | .. 3½ | .. R. & D.L. |
| .. 24—Liberal Club | .. Maidenhead | .. 7 | .. 4 | .. friendly |
| .. 24—Greenock | .. Glasgow | .. 3 | .. 4 | .. R.C. |
| .. 24—Edinburgh | .. Dundee | .. 4½ | .. 2½ | .. R.C. |
| .. 24—Hull | .. Grimsby | .. 5½ | .. 2 | .. friendly |
| .. 24—Swindon | .. Bristol & Clifton | .. 5½ | .. 3½ | .. friendly |
| .. 26—Claremont | .. Y.M.C.A. | .. 3½ | .. 4½ | .. L.C.L.C. |
| .. 27—Exeter | .. Dawlish | .. 5 | .. 1 | .. Moyle Cup |
| .. 27—Oxford City | .. Oxford Univ. | .. 6½ | .. 8½ | .. friendly |
| .. 27—Phoenix | .. S.W.D.O. | .. 4 | .. 4 | .. L.P.L. |
| .. 29—Paddington | .. S.E.D.O. | .. 6 | .. 2 | .. L.P.L. |
| .. 29—Saville Club | .. Athenaeum Club | .. 3 | .. 3 | .. H-R.C. |
| .. 29—Metropolitan | .. Bohemians | .. 11½ | .. 8½ | .. L.C.L.A. |
| .. 30—Bohemians | .. Queen's Park | .. 6½ | .. 3½ | .. G.L. I |
| Dec. 1—Hertfordshire | .. Berkshire | .. 7 | .. 5 | .. 6 C.C. |
| .. 1—Oxford Univ. | .. London Univ. | .. 6 | .. 5 | .. friendly |
| .. 1—Cambridge Univ. | .. West London | .. 5 | .. 10 | .. friendly |
| .. 1—Falkirk | .. Glasgow Central | .. 4½ | .. 4½ | .. R.C. |
| .. 1—Brighton | .. Hastings | .. 6½ | .. 6½*** | .. friendly |
| .. 1—Bradford | .. Leeds | .. 7 | .. 3 | .. E.W.C. |
| .. 1—Hull | .. Sheffield | .. 4 | .. 3*** | .. E.W.C. |
| .. 4—Hampstead II | .. West London II | .. 6½ | .. 1½ | .. L.C.L.C. |
| .. 4—Wood Green | .. Lee | .. 15 | .. 5*** | .. L.C.L.A. |
| .. 4—Lloyds Bank | .. Stock Exchange | .. 17½ | .. 8½ | .. friendly |
| .. 4—Imperial C.C. | .. R.A.C. | .. 4½ | .. 5½ | .. friendly |
| .. 5—R.A.C. | .. Saville Club | .. 5 | .. 1 | .. H-R.C. |
| .. 5—Central Y.M.C.A. | .. Ilford | .. 3 | .. 5 | .. L.C.L.C. |
| .. 6—Bohemians | .. Glasgow Ladies | .. 5 | .. 2 | .. Spens Cup |
| .. 6—Metropolitan | .. Leyton | .. 14½ | .. 5½ | .. L.C.L.A. |
| .. 6—West London | .. Brixton | .. 10 | .. 10 | .. L.C.L.A. |
| .. 6—Islington | .. Bohemians | .. 7 | .. 13 | .. L.C.L.A. |
| .. 8—Middlesex | .. Lancashire | .. 7½ | .. 8½ | .. Final C.C. |
| .. 8—Kent | .. Hampshire | .. 12½ | .. 3½ | .. S.C.C.U. |
| .. 8—R.A.C. | .. Oxford Univ. | .. 1½ | .. 1½ | .. friendly |
| .. 8—Polytechnic | .. Central | .. ½ | .. 9½ | .. G.L. I |
| .. 8—Huddersfield II | .. Bradford II | .. 2½ | .. 7½ | .. I.M.B.S. |
| .. 8—Sheffield II | .. Leeds II | .. 3½ | .. 6½ | .. I.M.B.S. |
| .. 8—Ipswich | .. Cambridge Univ. | .. 5 | .. 3 | .. friendly |
| .. 8—Totnes | .. Devonport | .. 1½ | .. 4½ | .. Moyle Cup |
| .. 10—Highgate | .. Y.M.C.A. | .. 6 | .. 6 | .. friendly |
| .. 12—Gas Company | .. Reading | .. 1½ | .. 6½ | .. R. & D.L. |
| .. 13—Athenaeum | .. Hampstead | .. 14½ | .. 5½ | .. L.C.L.A. |
| .. 13—Const. Club | .. Nat. & Lib. Club | .. 1½ | .. 4½ | .. H-R.C. |
| .. 15—Hastings | .. Surrey | .. 7½ | .. 8½ | .. friendly |
| .. 15—Gloucestershire | .. Somersetshire | .. 6½ | .. 9½ | .. S.C.C.U. |
| .. 15— | .. " | .. 9 | .. 10 | .. friendly |
| .. 15—Perth | .. Edinb'gh Ladies | .. 2½ | .. 3½ | .. Spens Cup |
| .. 15—Sheffield | .. Bradford | .. 3 | .. 6* | .. E.W.C. |
| .. 15—Hull | .. Rotherham | .. 5½ | .. 3½ | .. E.W.C. |

* For adjudication. † 5 for adjudication. ‡ 4 for adjudication.

NEWS FROM THE DOMINIONS AND FOREIGN LANDS.

New Zealand.—At a Council meeting of the N.Z. Chess Association on November 7th it was announced that the project of a tour by Boris Kostich had been abandoned for lack of necessary guarantees. For the thirty-third championship tournament, due to open in Wellington on Boxing Day, nineteen entries have been received, including that of S. Crackanthorp, of Sydney, N.S.W.

Mr. Crackanthorp, it will be remembered, competed in the British championship at Richmond in 1912, tying for 5th and 6th places with the Rev. F. E. Hamond. He took part in a previous N.Z. championship, the Christchurch exhibition tourney, in 1905-6, when S. Viner, the Australian champion, won and Crackanthorp was second.

In the annual telegraphic matches Wellington has beaten Auckland by 12—8 and Canterbury by 13—7. Palmerston North has beaten Ngao 6½—5½.

South Africa.—The Durban Chess Club has decided to hold a South African congress in Durban during the month of June, 1924, ten entries being suggested for the championship tournament.

On October 1st the East London C.C. received a visit from a team of ten players representing Queenstown, who had to travel 156 miles to play the match! The result of a double-round contest was a victory for the home side by 14—6; but the visitors had the consolation that their top board, P. Arnold, scored 1—1 against P. H. Sheffield, while their second board, L. Brinkman scored 2—0 against F. Womersley. This is the first defeat suffered by the Queenstown C.C. since its foundation ten years ago.

Canada.—On reaching Montreal, Alekhine gave his first simultaneous exhibition in the New World, meeting 37 opponents, of whom he defeated 27, drew with 5, and lost to 5—a result which doubtless pleased the Montrealers not a little.

United States.—The Manhattan C.C. is considering the question of getting up a tournament for about 10 masters, including Alexander Alekhine.

The inter-university match, Harvard *v.* Yale, yielded a win for the former by 7—3, though J. Sherman scored on the top board for Yale, beating M. Dimitry.

A new chess club has been opened in Broadway, New York, the "Times Square" C.C.

The Iowa State C.A. held their annual tourney at Marshalltown on October 16th—19th, seventeen players getting through their sixteen games in that short space of time. W. S. Gilman, who has won the State championship four times previously but did not compete

last year, emerged as victor with 13 wins, 2 draws, and one loss to R. Ganz, who was second with $13\frac{1}{2}$ points.

France.—The Montmartre chess club "Au Jeu du Roi" (the club at which Alekhine gave his farewell exhibition, mentioned in our last issue) is young and enterprising. It announces a women's tournament for 20 players, at the end of January. This surely is a novelty for France; though we remember meeting a fairly strong Parisian lady-player at one of the Ostend congresses.

Czecho-Slovakia.—At Prague on August 25th and 26th, a party of touring members of the Dutch chess club "Discendo Discimus" played two matches, one against the Dobrusky C.C. and the other against other Prague clubs combined. The visitors lost by 3—6 and $3\frac{1}{2}$ — $5\frac{1}{2}$, but their leader W. Fick did excellently, beating both F. Treybal and K. Hromadka.

The clubs of the German Chess Association in Czecho-Slovakia have received visits from Dr. Tarrasch and J. Mieses, who gave exhibitions of simultaneous play.

Denmark.—A 50-board double-round match between Copenhagen and the Provinces resulted in a win for the representatives of the Danish capital by 47—23, with 30 drawn games. O. Krause, however, the Provincial top-board, had the satisfaction of scoring $1\frac{1}{2}$ against E. Andersen.

REVIEW.

Glorias del Tablero. "Capablanca." By Jose A. Gelabert. Havana: Avenida de la Republica, 124. Price 3.50 Pesos abroad.

This well-produced volume of 226 pages does great credit to its compiler, Señor Gelabert, ex-president of the Havana Chess Club; and, pending the appearance of an official work on Capablanca's games (which we can hardly anticipate in what we trust is only the champion's mid-career), it can worthily take a place on the chess lover's bookshelves beside Capablanca's own volumes, supplementing and helping to illustrate them. The match-games with Marshall, Kostich and Lasker are given complete, and in addition there are fifty-eight selected games from all periods of Capablanca's history, 1900-1922, making 100 games in all, copiously annotated with the aid of many of the leading masters.

A biography, accounts of the three matches, and a wealth of illustrations much enhance the value of the book. Particularly interesting are several photographs of the child Capablanca, long before the chess world guessed that he was to become its champion.

Even those who have no Spanish will be able to derive much pleasure from Señor Gelabert's book, which we trust will have all the success that it deserves.

CHESS FOR BEGINNERS

(Continued from page 450, Vol. XLIII.).

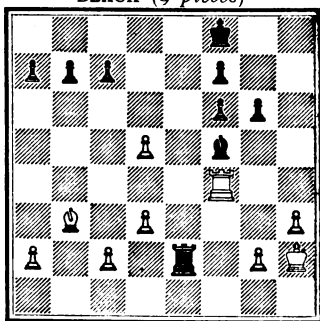
The solutions of Nos. 129 to 132 are as follows: **129.** Supplied by S. Mlotkowski, from a game of his own, 1 R—B 6, Q—Q 2; 2 Kt × P ch, P × Kt; 3 Q—Kt 3 ch, K—R 2; 4 R × R P ch. If 1 Kt—B 6 ch, P × Kt; 2 R × P, Q—K 4 and there is no win. **130** and **131** were sent me by "N.M." and were extracted from an old magazine. In **130** White mates in five, by 1 Q—B 6 ch, K—Kt 1; 2 Q × K P!, Q × P ch; 3 Q × Q, Kt × Q; 4 Kt—B 6 ch, K—Kt 2; 5 R × P mate. **131** is mate in three by 1 Q—B 4 ch, K—Q 7; 2 Q—B 1 ch!, K × Q; 3 Kt—Kt 3 mate. **132** was given me by M. E. Goldstein, who tells me it occurred in a game between Wolf and Tartakover (I reversed the colours but did not notice that the printers had mistaken my White King on Q B 5 for a Queen). Tartakover played 1 K—Kt 6 which after 1.., K—Q 3; 2 K—Kt 7, K—B 4; 3 P—Kt 6 dis ch, K—Kt 5; 4 K—R 6, R—R 6; 5 R—Kt 5 ch, K—B 5!; 6 P—Kt 7, R—R 1 only draws. If 5.., K—B 6?; 6 P—Kt 7, R—R 1; 7 R—B 5 ch and wins; but he could have won by 1 R—R 7 ch, K—B 1; 2 K—Kt 6, K—Kt 1; 3 R—Kt 7 ch, K—B 1; 4 K—R 7, R—Q Kt 6; 5 P—Kt 6, P—R 6; 6 R—B 7 ch, K—K 1; 7 R—B 2, R—Kt 7; 8 R—B 1.

There were 37 solvers to Problems 125 to 128, most of them quite good. A. G. Allen climbs to the top for the second time, but "funked" the Q.G.D. problem. Of course answers to that problem must be a matter of individual opinion, and it is very difficult to decide which line of play is best. I have not yet digested all the variations sent in; the greater majority do *not* agree that (f) is the best line for Black; I shall return to this problem next month. There is again an unsigned solution; the solver adds at the end of problem 125 and 126, "I prefer the defence of 8.., P—Q R 3." The scores are as follows; A. G. Allen (1) 312, —, 4, 4, 320; "Moseley," 298, 7, 5, 5, 315; R. Mathieson, 287, 8, 5, 5, 305; F. M. Reade (1), 287, 7, 4, 5, 303; A. D. C. Amos (1), 263, 7, 5, 5, 280; C. Ellice, 231, 6, 5, 5, 247; Rev. J. B. Bourne, 202, 6, 5, 5, 218; "R.W.E.," 178, 8, 4, 5, 195; "N.M." (2), 178, 7, 4, 5, 194; "G.A.W." (1), 176, 7, 5, 5, 193; C. C. Excell, 173, 6, 5, 5, 189; "A.W.T.H.," 141, 7, 3, 4, 155; "H.D.B." (India), 137 (122/4), 5, 5, 5, 152; C. S. Ashley, 131, 6, 5, 3, 145; "C.P." (1), 121, 7, 5, 3, 136; T. E. Storrs, 114, 8, 5, 5, 132; D. E. Budge (1), 118, 7, 2, 2, 129; J. A. Evans (1), 88, 7, 5, 1, 101; "J.W.T.," 80, 7, 5, 5, 97; "F.H." (1), 77, 6, 5, 3, 91; Wm. Skirrow (1), 71, 7, 5, 5, 88; C. J. Cole (1), 73, 6, 3, 5, 87; A. E. Smith (1), 69, 7, 4, 5, 85; "Tutankhamen," 60, no solutions; "A.M.H.," 39, 3, 4, 5, 51; Tyro (1), 26 (117/120), 5, 2, 2, 1, 30—7, 2, 2, 41; R. N. Murray, 30, 7, 1, 2, 40; H. M. Baldray, (1) 22, 7, 5, 5, 39; C. Skertchly, 24, 7, 4, 2, 37; S. G. Duffell, 24, —, 5, 5, 34; "M.K.," 17, 7, 4, 3, 31; D. R. Langton (1), 14, 7, 4, 5, 30; A. Lockley (1), 11, 7, 4, 4, 26; Geo. Thomson, 9, 7, 5, 4, 25; "Clare," 10, 6, 5, 1, 22; L. Illingworth, 8, 4, 5, 17; "C.S.M." (1), 6, 5, 5, 16; W. J. Carpenter, 7, 4, 2, 13.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS: R. Mathieson.—Many thanks, wishes heartily reciprocated. F. M. Reade.—In this case I applaud your research, so long as the reasons for the moves are obvious to you. C. J. Cole, Wm. Skirrow.—Much obliged, but I am afraid my own answers to 125 and 126 are not so good or as well thought out as many of my solvers. L. Illingworth.—Shall I inform my solvers also in this column? Robert N. Murray.—Are Tattersall's *End-Games* too much of the "made-up" variety for you? Do you know Rev. E. E. Cunningham's *Lessons in Pawn Play* (Routledge)? "R.W.E."—Sorry I forgot to make use of your information *re* Alekhine at Wrexham. 32 all won was a fine feat.

Problem No. 134.

BLACK (9 pieces)

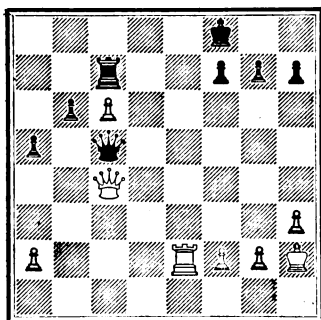


WHITE (9 pieces)

How should White continue?

Problem No. 135.

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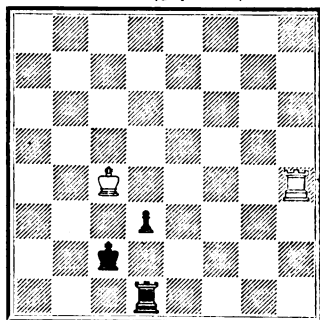


WHITE (8 pieces)

How should White continue?

Problem No. 136.

BLACK (3 pieces)



WHITE (2 pieces)

(a) White to play. What result and how?

(b) Remove the four pieces on Queen's side one square to right. What result and how?

Solutions to be sent to R. C. Griffith, 18 Wedderburn Road, London, N.W.3, by 31st January, 1924.

THE BRITISH CORRESPONDENCE CHESS ASSOCIATION.

All communications respecting these pages should be addressed to the hon. secretary, Mr. H. E. Matthews, 37 Anson Street, Monton, Eccles, Manchester.

Last month we were only able to make the bare announcement of the result of our match with the *Chess Amateur*, the final score being 36—33 in our favour. Considerations of space prevent the giving of the full scores, but the following information may prove interesting. The score down to boards 20, 30 and 60 were (B.C.C.A. being given first): 6½—13½, 19—21, 31—29, from which it will be seen that we owe our win to the successes on the lower boards. Each team won 14 games with the Black pieces, but with the White we won 18 against our opponents' 15; only 8 games were drawn. It will be seen that the first player was successful in 33 games and the second in 28. A surprising feature was that on the odd-numbered boards where our opponents had the move we did not record a single win until board 21. In every respect the match was interesting and enjoyable, and we look forward to many more such in the future.

Handicap Tourney.—The following additional classification lists are given: Class 2—Armitage, Aldridge, Aston, Coleman, Cornwall, Duffell, Henderson, Heath, Hunte, Hibbert, Joyce, Lambert, Murray, Matthews, North, Parsons, Simpson, Simeon, Sheard, Terry, Wilcox, Wood and Walton. Class 3—Aston-Lewis, Bardsley, Brady, Burton, Behrndt, Miss Chater, Collins, Curson, Miss Drummond, Davis, Miss Eveling, Goncalves, Gurney, Griffin, Goodwin, Hapgood, Houghton, Hume, Hirst, Lesser, Laslett, Lord A. H., Lord W. F., Menkin, Munroe, Maden, Moon, McKellen, Nobrega, Mrs. Pullin, Rynders, Rhead, Roberts, Seymour, Snook, Shead, Thomas, Tott, Tollit, Ward, Withey. Class 4—Ashley, Anderton, Baker, Cave, Cottee, Day, Edwards, Ellis, Folley, Hall, Hussian, Johnson, Lister, Madge, Miss New, Newbold, Palmer and Parr.

The following results are to hand: *Wins*: Armitage *v.* Houghton Anderton *v.* Hume (2); Bardsley *v.* Mrs. Pullin and Wilcox (2); Burton *v.* Newbold and Curson (1½); Baker *v.* Johnson (2); Bodkin *v.* Wilson (2); Cave *v.* Johnson (2); Cottee *v.* Day; Duffell *v.* Murray (2); Day *v.* Johnson (2); North *v.* Lesser (1½); Miss New *v.* Newbold; Newbold *v.* Miss New; Rutherford *v.* Wilson (2); Simeon *v.* Seymour; Seymour *v.* Simeon and Anderton; Wilcox *v.* Ashley; Ward *v.* Tott; Wilson *v.* Chambers (2); Miss Chater and Windybank. *Draws*: Miss Chater *v.* Lesser; Murray *v.* Thomas (2).

Trophy Tourney Results.—Class 2a: Finch 1, North 0. Colborne 1, Blanshard 0. Class 2b: Dancer 1, Brayne 0; Dancer ½; Malone ½; Ditcham 1, Toledano 0. Class 3a: Miss Abraham 1, Murray 0. Class 3b: Gurney 1, Lambert 0; Lambert 1, Sheard 0. Class 4a: Duffell 1, Miss Chater 0. Class 5c: Johnson retires, score cancelled.

The next issue of our magazine is now in the press and should be in the hands of our members at an early date. We have a few spare copies, and shall be pleased to send one to any reader of the *British Chess Magazine* on the receipt of 4½d.

We wish all our readers a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE FRENCH GAMBIT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE *B.C.M.*

DEAR SIR,—I have seen the invention of this Gambit (1 P—K 4, P—K 3 ; 2 P—Q 4, P—Q 4 ; 3 Q Kt—B 3, K Kt—B 3 ; 4 B—K Kt 5, B—K 2 ; 5 P—K 5, K Kt—Q 2 ; 6 P—K R 4) variously ascribed to Alekhine, Chatard and, I think, H. E. Atkins. May I point out that I still possess twenty-five columns of analysis of this Gambit which I made as far back as 1889 ? A portion of my analysis was published in a weekly journal called *England* in 1891, under the title "Imaginary Games."

I came to the conclusion, rightly or wrongly, that after 6... B×B ; 7 P×B, Q×P ; 8 Kt—Kt 5 should *precede* Kt—K R 3 ; if then 8... Q—Q 1 ; 9 Q—Kt 4, which leads in one variation to the diagrammed position.

I analysed, of course, the defences 8... Kt—R 3 and K—Q 1, and also the defence of 6 P—K B 3 instead of taking the Bishop, White continuing 7 B—Q 3.

Yours faithfully,

C. D. LOCOCK.

B.C.F. COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE *B.C.M.*

Dear Sir,—As a Lancastrian, I rejoice to see that Lancashire will probably retain the County Championship this year, but I am hoping that the Adjudicator's award in the two unfinished games will give us a complete win, and so render unnecessary the unsatisfactory expedient of deleting the bottom board until the scores are unequal. This method has always seemed to me like suggesting the omission of the runs scored by No 11 in the case of a tie at cricket.

I realise, of course, the difficulties in the case of a knock-out competition where a replay is out of the question, but is the present method the best that can be devised to meet the difficulty ?

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| Lancs. | Bd. | Midx. | |
| 7 | 1 | 7 | |
| 0 | 2 | 13 | |
| 6 | 3 | 6 | |
| 5½ | 4 | 5½ | |
| 5 | 5 | 5 | |
| 9 | 6 | 0 | |
| 8 | 7 | 0 | |
| 0 | 8 | 7 | |
| 0 | 9 | 6 | |
| 2½ | 10 | 2½ | |
| 4 | 11 | 0 | |
| 3 | 12 | 0 | |
| 0 | 13 | 2 | |
| ½ | 14 | ½ | |
| 50½ | | 54½ | |

The system is based on the not unfair assumption that a win on a lower board has not quite the same merit as one on a higher. However, to take an extreme case, if, in the match in question, Middlesex had won the first six boards and the last, and lost 7 to 13, they would have still lost the match ! To obviate this I would suggest that, in the case of a drawn match, a 'weight' should be given to each board, *e.g.*, one point for the bottom board, 2 for the next, 3 for the next, and so on. In the margin I have applied this suggestion to the match in question, assuming the unfinished games are drawn, and it will be seen that Middlesex had slightly the better record. If this system were adopted it would only be necessary to delete the bottom board in the rare event of the total of the weights being the same.

For my own part, however, I would only adopt it in the rounds preceding the final, as when the final is drawn I think the Counties participating in it should be considered joint winners.

Yours faithfully,

H. E. MATTHEWS.

MANCHESTER, December 17th, 1923.

GAME DEPARTMENT

Three games from the tournament at Scheveningen in July last. Notes in each instance by R. Teichmann from *Kagan's Neueste Schachnachrichten*.

GAME NO. 5,160.

King's Bishop's Gambit.

| WHITE | BLACK |
|------------|-------------|
| R. LOMAN | F. D. YATES |
| 1 P—K 4 | 1 P—K 4 |
| 2 P—K B 4 | 2 P×P |
| 3 B—B 4 | 3 Kt—K B 3 |
| 4 Kt—Q B 3 | 4 Kt—B 3 |
| 5 Kt—B 3 | 5 B—Kt 5 |
| 6 Kt—Q 5 | 6 Castles |
| 7 Castles | 7 Kt×Kt |
| 8 P×Kt | 8 Kt—K 2 |
| 9 P—Q 4 | 9 Kt—Kt 3 |
| 10 P—K R 4 | 10 B—Q 3 |

.....The opening is treated in a very original manner on both sides; but Black has the advantage.

| | |
|----------|-------------|
| 11 P—R 5 | 11 Kt—R 5 |
| 12 Q—K 1 | 12 Kt×Kt ch |
| 13 R×Kt | 13 Q—Kt 4 |
| 14 R—R 3 | 14 P—Kt 4 |
| 15 B—Q 3 | |

If 15 B×P there follows 15... Q×Q P with advantage.

| | |
|------------|------------|
| 16 Q—K 4 | 15 B—Kt 2 |
| 17 Q—B 3 | 16 P—K B 4 |
| 18 B—Q 2 | 17 Q R—K 1 |
| 19 R—K B 1 | 18 R—B 2 |
| 20 Q B×P | 19 Q—Kt 5 |
| 21 Q×B | 20 B×B |
| 22 R—Kt 3 | 21 B×P |
| 23 R×Q | 22 Q×Q |
| | 23 B—K 5 ! |

.....Black has, with this strongly posted Bishop, the better game.

| | |
|-----------|-----------|
| 24 B×P | 24 R—Kt 1 |
| 25 B—B 4 | 25 P—Q 4 |
| 26 B—Kt 3 | 26 R—B 3 |
| 27 P—B 4 | 27 P—B 3 |
| 28 P×P | 28 P×P |

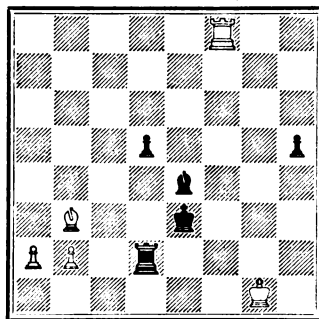
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|-------------|-----------|
| 29 R—Q B 3 | 29 R—Kt 5 |
| 30 R—B 8 ch | 30 R—B 1 |
| 31 R×R ch | 31 K×R |
| 32 P—Kt 4 | 32 K—K 2 |
| 33 P×P | 33 K—B 3 |
| 34 P—R 6 ? | 34 P×P |
| 35 R—R 4 | 35 K—Kt 4 |
| 36 R—R 2 | |

The Pawn sacrifice was mistaken, but the game stood badly for him in any case.

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|--------------|-----------|
| 37 P—B 6 | 36 R×P |
| 38 R×P ch | 37 K×P |
| 39 R—R 6 | 38 K—Kt 4 |
| 40 R×P | 39 R—Q 7 |
| 41 R—Kt 7 ch | 40 P—R 4 |
| 42 R—B 7 ch | 41 K—B 5 |
| 43 R—B 8 | 42 K—K 6 |

Position after 43 R—B 8.

BLACK (YATES)



WHITE (LOMAN)

| | |
|-----------|---------------|
| 44 K—B 1 | 43 R—Kt 7 ch |
| 45 K—Kt 1 | 44 R×P |
| 46 R—B 1 | 45 P—R 5 |
| 47 K—R 1 | 46 R—Kt 2 ch |
| Resigns | 47 R×P dis ch |

GAME NO. 5,161.

Irregular Opening.

WHITE

Dr. OLLAND

- 1 P—K 4
2 P—Q 4
3 Kt—K B 3
4 B—B 4
5 Kt—B 3
6 Castles
7 P—K R 3
8 B—K 3

BLACK

F. D. YATES

- 1 P—K Kt 3
2 B—Kt 2
3 P—Q 3
4 Kt—K B 3
5 Castles
6 Kt—B 3
7 Kt—Q 2
8 P—K R 3

.....Black has now an easily won game.

- 35 K—Kt 2
36 K—B 3
37 K—K 2
38 R—K B 3
39 K—Q 3
40 Kt—Q 1
41 Kt—B 3
42 P—Kt 4
43 P—R 4
44 P—Kt 5
45 R P×P
46 Kt—Q 5
47 Kt—B 3
48 K—K 4
49 K—Q 4
50 P—B 5
51 K—B 4
- 35 R—K Kt 1
36 K—R 5
37 R—Kt 7
39 B—Kt 6 ch
39 R—K 4
40 P—B 5
41 K×P
42 K—Kt 5
43 R—Kt 7
44 P×P
45 R—R 4
46 R—Kt 6 ch
47 R—R 7
48 R—Q B 7
49 R—R 6
50 P×P ch

.....Directed against 9 Q—Q 2 and 10 B—K R 6.

- 9 Q—Q 2
10 Kt—R 2
11 P×P
12 B—K 2
13 P—Q Kt 3
14 Q R—Q 1
15 P—B 4
16 B—B 3
17 Kt×P
18 P—K Kt 4
- 9 K—R 2
10 P—K 4
11 K Kt×P
12 B—K 3
13 P—B 4
14 Kt—K 2
15 K Kt—B 3
16 P×P
17 Kt—B 4

18 B—B 2 was perhaps better.

- 19 Q×Kt
20 P—B 4
21 B—Kt 2
22 Kt—K B 3
23 K R—K 1
24 Kt—R 4
25 P—Kt 5?
26 P×P
- 18 Kt×B
19 Q—K 2
20 Q R—K 1
21 B—Q 2
22 K—R 1
23 Q—B 2
24 B—B 3
25 P×P
26 B—Kt 2

.....Black has now the better game.

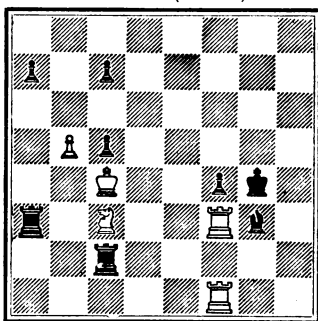
- 27 R—K B 1
28 Kt×B
29 Q—B 4
30 Q—R 4 ch
31 Q×Q ch
- 27 B—B 4
28 P×Kt
29 B—K 4
30 Q—R 2
31 K×Q

.....The end-game is a favourable one for Black in spite of the two passed Pawns.

- 32 Kt—B 2
33 B×Kt
34 R—Q 3
- 32 K—Kt 3
33 P×B
34 K×P

Position after 51 K—B 4.

BLACK (YATES)



WHITE (OLLAND)

51 B—R 7

.....Here 51... B—K 8 appears to win immediately.

- 52 R—Q 3
53 Q R—B 3
54 R—Q 3
55 K R—B 3
56 R×P
57 R×R
58 K—Q 5
59 K—B 6
Resigns
- 52 B—Kt 6
53 K—R 6
54 K—Kt 7
55 B—K 8
56 K R×Kt ch.
57 R×R ch
58 P—B 5
59 B—B 7

GAME No. 5,162.

Ruy Lopez.

| WHITE F. D. YATES | BLACK A. SPEYER |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1 P—K 4 | 1 P—K 4 |
| 2 Kt—K B 3 | 2 Kt—Q B 3 |
| 3 B—Kt 5 | 3 P—Q R 3 |
| 4 B—R 4 | 4 Kt—B 3 |
| 5 Castles | 5 B—K 2 |
| 6 R—K 1 | 6 P—Q Kt 4 |
| 7 B—Kt 3 | 7 P—Q 3 |
| 8 P—B 3 | 8 Castles |
| 9 P—Q 4 | 9 B—Kt 5 |
| 10 B—K 3 | 10 P×P? |

.....Here 10..., Kt×K P is better, for on 11 B—Q 5 there follows 11..., Q—Q 2, with a good game.

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|-------------|-------------|
| 11 P×P | 11 Kt—Q R 4 |
| 12 B—B 2 | 12 Kt—B 5 |
| 13 B—B 1 | 13 Kt—Q 2 |
| 14 P—K R 3 | 14 B—R 4 |
| 15 Q Kt—Q 2 | 15 B—B 3? |
| 16 Kt×Kt | 16 B×Kt |
| 17 Q×B | 17 P×Kt |
| 18 B—K 3 | |

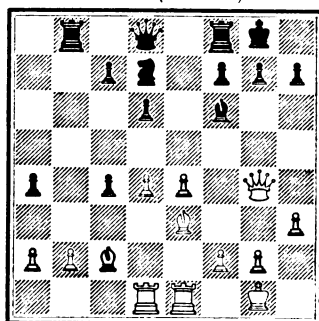
White's position is now excellent.

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|------------|------------|
| 19 Q R—Q 1 | 18 P—Q R 4 |
| | 19 P—R 5 |

20 Q—Kt 4 20 R—Kt 1
.....Black appears not to see the threat.

Position after 20..., R—Kt 1.

BLACK (SPEYER)



WHITE (YATES)

21 P—K 5!

Decisive!

21 R×P

.....There is no escape. If 21..., B—K 2.; 22 B—R 6 wins the Exchange.

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|-----------|-----------|
| 22 P×B | 22 Kt×P |
| 23 Q—K 2 | 23 P—Q 4? |
| 24 B×P ch | Resigns |

GAME No. 5,163.

Played in a club match at New York in April last. Notes by J. H. Blake.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

| WHITE C. JAFFE | BLACK D. JANOWSKI |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| 1 P—Q 4 | 1 Kt—K B 3 |
| 2 Kt—K B 3 | 2 P—Q 4 |
| 3 P—B 4 | 3 P—K 3 |
| 4 Kt—B 3 | 4 P×P |

.....Black has some preference for defending the opening in this manner, with the continuation adopted at moves 7 and 9.

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| 5 P—K 3 | 5 P—B 4 |
| 6 B×P | 6 Kt—B 3 |

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|-----------|-----------|
| 7 Castles | 7 P—Q R 3 |
| 8 P—Q 5 | |

Giving up a Pawn for which he obtains a strong attack, and against which Black never finds himself able to Castle.

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|------------|------------|
| 9 P—Q Kt 3 | 8 Kt—Q R 4 |
| 10 B—Q 3 | 9 P—Q Kt 4 |
| 11 P—K 4 | 10 P×P |
| | 11 P×P |

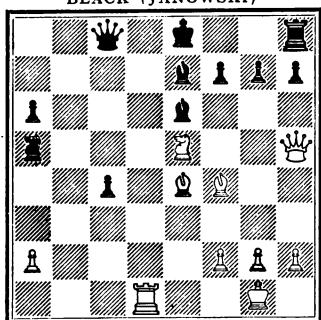
.....Less risky would be 11..., P—Q 5; 12 Kt—Q 5, Kt×Kt; 13 P×Kt, R—R 2; (not

13... Q×P on account of 14 R—K 1 ch and 15 B—K 4). The text-move results in White getting command of both the centre files.

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|------------|-----------|
| 12 Kt×P | 12 Kt×Kt |
| 13 Q—K 2 | 13 B—K 2 |
| 14 B×Kt | 14 R—R 2 |
| 15 B—K 3 | 15 B—K 3 |
| 16 K R—Q 1 | 16 R—Q 2 |
| 17 Kt—K 5 | 17 R×R ch |
| 18 R×R | 18 Q—B 2 |
| 19 B—B 4 | 19 Q—B 1 |
| 20 Q—R 5 | 20 P—B 5 |
| 21 P×P | 21 P×P |

Position after 21... P×P.

BLACK (JANOWSKI)



WHITE (JAFFE)

- 22 P—K R 3

The recovery of the Pawn by 22 Kt×P, B×Kt; 23 Q×Kt would enable Black to Castle into

safety; White prefers therefore to maintain the positional advantage. The text-move, by preventing ..., B—K Kt 5 renders his Knight mobile.

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| 23 B—K 3 | 22 Q—B 4 |
| 24 B—Q 4 | 23 Q—B 2 |
| 25 Kt—B 3 | 24 B—B 3 |
| | 25 P—Kt 3 |
| 26 Q—R 6 | This weakens his position appreciably; but a satisfactory alternative eludes discovery. |
| 27 Kt×B | 26 B×B |
| 28 B—B 6 ch! | 27 Q—K 4 |
| 29 Kt×B | 28 K—K 2 |
| 30 Q—R 4 ch | 29 Kt×B |
| | 30 P—B 3 |

..... 30... K×Kt; 31 Q×P ch, K—K 2; 32 Q×Kt, R—Q 1; 33 Q—Kt 7 ch, K—K 1; 34 R×R ch, K×R; 35 Q×B P, affords Black very poor prospects of drawing.

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|-------------|----------|
| 31 Kt—B 4 | 31 K—B 2 |
| 32 R—Q 7 ch | 32 K—K 1 |
| 33 R—Q 5 | 33 Q—B 2 |

..... 33... Q—R 8 ch; 34 K—R 2, Kt—K 2 might yield a longer resistance.

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|----------|----------|
| 34 Q×B P | 34 R—B 1 |
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..... If 34... R—Kt 1; 35 R—B 5 wins. The weakness of the undeveloped Black Rook has been very cleverly exploited by White.

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| 35 Q×R ch | Resigns |
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GAME NO. 5,164.

Played in the Western tournament at San Francisco. Notes by J. H. Blake.

Alekhine's Defence.

- | WHITE | BLACK |
|-----------------|-------------|
| G. S. PATTERSON | A. W. RYDER |
| 1 P—K 4 | 1 Kt—K B 3 |
| 2 P—K 5 | 2 Kt—Q 4 |
| 3 Kt—Q B 3 | 3 P—K 3 |
| 4 P—Q 4 | 4 P—Q 3 |
| 5 P—B 4 | 5 Kt×Kt |
| 6 P×Kt | 6 P×P |
| 7 B P×P | 7 Q—R 5 ch |

..... It becomes quickly apparent that Black had not properly counted the cost of

this adventure. 7... P—Q B 4, with ..., Q—R 4 and ..., Kt—B 3 to follow, was the sound line.

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|-----------|-------------------------|
| 8 P—Kt 3 | Apparently quite sound! |
| | 8 Q—K 5 ch |
| 9 Q—K 2 | 9 Q×R |
| 10 Kt—B 3 | 10 B—Q 2 |

..... 10... P—Q Kt 3 breaks down against 11 K—B 2, B—Kt 2; 12 B—K Kt 2, B×Kt; 13 Q×B, Q×P; 14 Q×R, winning the Knight next move.

11 K—Q 2

11 K—B 2 was much better, thus: 11 K—B 2, B—B 3; 12 B—K Kt 2, B×Kt; 13 Q×B, Q×P; 14 Q×Kt P, B—K 2; 15 Q—B 8 ch (or 15 Q×R, Castles; 16 B—R 3 wins a piece or the Queen), B—Q 1; 16 B—R 3, Q—R 3; 17 R—Q 1, and Black is helpless. White threatens 18 Q×Kt!

11 B—B 3

12 B—K Kt 2 12 B×Kt

13 B×B 13 Q—Kt 8

14 B×P

If 14 B—Q Kt 2, Q×R; 15 B×Q, P—Q B 3 Black has not much difficulty in completing his development.

14 B—Kt 5

15 K—Q 3 15 Kt—Q 2

16 B×R 16 Kt×P ch

17 P×Kt

17 Q×Kt was the better course, for if ..., Q—Q 8 ch; 18 K—B 4, he is threatening to win the other Rook by Q—Kt 5 ch and Q—Kt 8 ch; or if Black Castles to win the Queen by B—R 6.

17 Castles

18 B—Q Kt 2 18 Q—B 4

19 Q—B 3

Not 19 P×B, because of ..., R—Q 1 ch; 20 K—K 4, Q×Kt P ch; 21 P—B 4, R—Q 7; 22 Q—K 1, Q×B. But 19 Q—K 4, preserving his King's Pawn, would have won fairly easily.

19 Q×K P

20 Q—K 4

Here 20 R—K B 1 was not quite good enough, for after 20..., R—Q 1 ch; 21 K—B 4, Q—B 4 ch; 22 K—Kt 3, R—Kt 1; 23 B—Kt 7, B—R 4, followed by ..., P—K B 3, White loses his extra piece.

20 R—Q 1 ch

21 K—K 2 21 Q—R 4 ch

22 K—K 1

If 22 K—B 1, then B—K 2, threatening ..., R—Q 7 or ..., Q—Kt 4 ch.

22 B—Q 3

23 Q—Kt 2 23 Q—K 4 ch

24 Q—K 4

25 Q—Kt 2

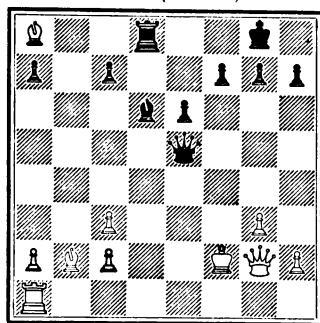
26 K—B 2

24 Q—K R 4

25 Q—K 4 ch

Position after 26 K—B 2.

BLACK (RYDER)



WHITE (PATTERSON)

26 B—R 6!

27 B×B

Forced!

28 K—Kt 1

29 B×R

30 R—Q 1

27 R—Q 7 ch

28 R×Q ch

29 Q×B P

30 P—K R 3

.....30..., P—K B 3 or 4 was better.

31 R—Q 8 ch

32 R—Q 3

33 B—K B 1

34 B—B 5

31 K—R 2

32 Q×P

33 Q×Q R P

34 Q—R 4

.....Black should seek to distract the White pieces by pushing up his Queen's Rook's Pawn and King's Pawn, thus: 34..., P—Q R 4; 35 R—R 3, Q—Q 7; 36 R—Q 3, Q—Q B 7; 37 B—R 3, P—K 4.

35 B—K 3

36 B—Q 2

37 B—K 3

38 R—Q 4

39 R—Q B 4

40 K—B 2

41 B—K 2

42 R×P

43 R—B 1

44 R—Q 1

45 R—Q 7

46 B—Q 1

35 P—K Kt 4

36 Q—Kt 3 ch

37 Q—R 4

38 P—K B 4

39 P—R 3

40 Q—R 7 ch

41 K—Kt 3

42 Q—Q 4

43 P—Q R 4

44 Q—Kt 6

45 P—R 4

46 Q—B 5

47 R—Q 4 47 Q—R 7 ch
 48 R—Q 2 48 Q—B 5
 49 R—Q 4 49 Q—R 7 ch
 50 R—Q 2 50 Q—B 5
 51 R—Q 4 51 Q—R 7 ch

Drawn

Both players were now very short of time, and did not care to incur the risk of a slip. Black could try ..., Q—B 2, threatening ..., P—K 4 and ..., P—B 5.

GAME No. 5,165.—Played in the tournament at Mährisch-Ostrau in July last. *Scotch Game*. White: Dr. S. TARTAKOVER. Black: A. RUBINSTEIN.

1 P—K 4, P—K 4; 2 Kt—K B 3, Kt—Q B 3; 3 P—Q 4, P×P; 4 Kt×P, Kt—B 3; 5 Kt×Kt, Kt P×Kt; 6 Kt—Q 2, B—B 4; 7 P—K 5, Q—K 2; 8 Q—K 2, Kt—Q 4; 9 Kt—Kt 3, Castles; 10 B—Q 2, P—Q R 4; 11 Castles, B—Kt 3; 12 P—Q B 4, P—R 5; 13 Kt—R 1, P—R 6; 14 Kt—B 2, P×P ch; 15 K—Kt 1, P—Q 3; 16 P×Kt, B—K B 4; 17 B—B 3, K R—K 1; 18 P—K Kt 4, B—Kt 3; 19 P—B 4, R—R 6; 20 B—Kt 4, R—K 6; 21 Q—Q 2, B×Kt ch; 22 Q×B, P×Q P; 23 B—Q 3, P—Q B 4; 24 B—Q 2, R—K R 6; 25 B—Kt 5, R—Q 1; 26 Q R—K 1, P—K Kt 3; 27 B—B 6, P×P; 28 R×P, Q—B 3; 29 B×Q P, B—B 2; 30 P—Kt 5, Q—Kt 3; 31 B×P ch, K×B; 32 Q—B 4 ch, K—B 1; 33 R—K 6, R×B; 34 R×Q, Resigns.

GAME No. 5,166.—Played in the same tournament. *Four Knights*. White: Dr. S. TARRASCH. Black: A. RUBINSTEIN.

1 P—K 4, P—K 4; 2 Kt—K B 3, Kt—Q B 3; 3 Kt—B 3, Kt—B 3; 4 B—Kt 5, B—Kt 5; 5 Castles, Castles; 6 P—Q 3, P—Q 3; 7 B—Kt 5, B×Kt; 8 P×B, Q—K 2; 9 K R—K 1, Kt—Q 1; 10 P—Q 4, B—Kt 5; 11 P—K R 3, B—R 4; 12 P—Kt 4, B—Kt 3; 13 P—Q 5, P—B 3; 14 B—Q B 4, Q R—B 1; 15 P×P, P×P; 16 B—Q 3, Kt—K 3; 17 B—Q B 1, Kt—B 4; 18 Kt—Q 2, P—K R 4; 19 B—R 3, Kt—K 3; 20 Kt—B 4, P—Q B 4; 21 B—Q B 1, P×P; 22 P×P, Kt—R 2; 23 K—Kt 2, Kt—Kt 4; 24 P—B 3, Q R—Q 1; 25 Kt—Kt 2, P—Q 4; 26 P×P, R×P; 27 P—Q B 4, R—Q 5; 28 B—K 3, R—Q 3; 29 Q—K 2, P—K 5; 30 P×P, Kt×P; 31 Q—B 3, K Kt—Kt 4; 32 Q—Kt 3, Q—Kt 2 ch; 33 K—B 1, R—Kt 3; 34 Kt—R 4, B×B ch; 35 P×B, P—B 4; 36 B×Kt, P×P ch; 37 K—Kt 1, Kt×B; 38 Kt×R, Kt—B 6 ch; 39 K—B 2, Kt×R ch; Resigns.

GAME No. 5,167.—Played in the same tournament. *Queen's Gambit Declined*. White: R. RETI. Black: Dr. E. LASKER.

1 Kt—K B 3, P—Q 4; 2 P—Q 4, Kt—K B 3; 3 P—Q B 4, P—B 3; 4 Kt—B 3, P×P; 5 P—K 3, P—Q Kt 4; 6 P—Q R 4, P—Kt 5; 7 Kt—R 2, P—K 3; 8 B×P, B—K 2; 9 Castles, Castles; 10 Q—K 2, Q Kt—Q 2; 11 P—Q Kt 3, P—Q R 4; 12 B—Kt 2, P—B 4; 13 K R—Q 1, Q—Kt 3; 14 Kt—B 1, B—R 3; 15 P×P, Kt×P; 16 Kt—K 5, B×B; 17 Kt×B, Q—R 3; 18 B—Q 4, K R—B 1; 19 B×Kt, B×B; 20 Q—B 3, B—K 2; 21 Kt—Q 3,

Kt—Q 4; 22 Q Kt—K 5, B—B 3; 23 P—K 4, Kt—B 6; 24 R—Q 6, Q—Kt 2; 25 Q R—K 1, B×Kt; 26 Kt×B, Q—B 2; 27 Kt—B 4, P—K 4; 28 Q—B 5, Kt—K 7 ch; 29 K—B 1?, Kt—Q 5; 30 Q×K P, Kt×P; 31 Kt—Kt 6, Kt—Q 7 ch; 32 K—Kt 1, Kt—B 5; 33 Kt×Kt, Q×Kt; 34 Q—K B 5, Q R—Kt 1; 35 P—K 5, P—Kt 6; 36 P—K 6, P×P; 37 K R×P, R—K B 1; 38 Q—K 5, Q—B 7; 39 P—B 4, P—Kt 7; 40 R—K 7, Q—Kt 3; 41 P—B 5, Q—K B 3; 42 Q—Q 5 ch, K—R 1; 43 R—Q Kt 7, Q—B 6; Resigns.

GAME NO. 5,168.—Played in the British championship tournament at Portsmouth. *Queen's Gambit Declined*. White: Rev. F. E. HAMOND. Black: G. E. WAINWRIGHT.

1 P—Q 4, P—Q 4; 2 P—Q B 4, P—K 3; 3 Kt—K B 3, Kt—K B 3; 4 Kt—B 3, Q Kt—Q 2; 5 Q—B 2, P—B 3; 6 B—Q 2, B—Q 3; 7 P—K 3, Q—K 2; 8 P—Q Kt 3, Castles; 9 Kt—Kt 5, P—K R 3; 10 Kt—B 3, P—K 4; 11 P—K Kt 4, P—K 5; 12 Kt—K R 4, Kt×P; 13 Kt—B 5, Q—B 3; 14 Kt×B, Q×B P ch; 15 K—Q 1, Q—B 6 ch; 16 K—B 1, Q×R; 17 K—Kt 2, Q×R P; 18 Kt—B 5, Q Kt—B 3; 19 Kt—K 7 ch, K—R 1; 20 P×P, P×P; 21 K Kt×P, B—K 3; 22 Kt—B 4, K R—B 1; 23 B—K 2, B—B 4; 24 B—B 4, P—K Kt 4; 25 Kt—K 2, B—Kt 3; 26 R—K B 1, P—Q R 3; 27 P—Q R 4, Q R—Kt 1; 28 Q—Q 1, P—Q Kt 4; 29 P×P, P×P; 30 Kt×P, Kt—B 7; 31 Q—Q R 1, Kt—Q 6 ch; 32 B×Kt, P×B; 33 R×Kt, R—B 7 ch; 34 K—Kt 1, Q×Kt; 35 Resigns.

GAME NO. 5,169.—Played in the same tournament. *Irregular Opening*. White: C. G. STEELE. Black: G. E. WAINWRIGHT.

1 Kt—Q B 3, P—K 4; 2 P—Q 4, P×P; 3 Q×P, Kt—Q B 3; 4 Q—R 4, Kt—B 3; 5 B—Kt 5, B—K 2; 6 P—K 4, P—K R 3; 7 B—R 4, P—Q 3; 8 Castles, B—Q 2; 9 B—K 2, Castles; 10 P—B 4, P—R 3; 11 B×Kt, B×B; 12 Kt—Q 5, R—K 1; 13 B—Q 3, P—Q Kt 4; 14 Q—R 3, B—K 3; 15 Kt×B ch, Q×Kt; 16 P—K Kt 3, B—Kt 5; 17 R—K 1, Kt—Q 5; 18 P—R 3, B—Q 2; 19 P—B 3, Kt—K 3; 20 Kt—B 3, Kt—B 4; 21 B—B 2, B—B 3; 22 P—K 5, P×P; 23 P×P, Q—K 2; 24 K R—B 1, P—Q R 4; 25 K—Kt 1, B—Q 4; 26 P—Kt 3, P—R 5; 27 P—Q Kt 4, Kt—Kt 6; 28 B—K 4, B×B; 29 R×B, Kt—R 4; 30 R—Kt 4, Q—Q 2; 31 Kt—Q 4, Kt—B 5; 32 Q—B 1, Kt×P; 33 R×P ch, K×R; 34 Kt—B 5 ch, Q×Kt ch; 35 R×Q, Kt—Q 6; 36 Q—Q 2, Q R—Q 1; 37 R—B 1, R—Q 3; 38 P—B 4, P×P; 39 Q—B 3 ch, Kt—K 4; 40 R—K 1, P—B 3; 41 Q—B 2, P—R 6; 42 Q—R 4, R—Q Kt 1; 43 Q×P, K R—Kt 3; 44 K—B 2, R×P; 45 K—B 3, P—Q B 4; 46 Q—R 7 ch, K—Kt 3; 47 R×Kt, P×R; 48 Q×P, K—B 4; 49 Q—B 2 ch, K—K 3; 50 P—Kt 4, Q R—Kt 3; 51 Q—B 5 ch, K—Q 4; 52 P—K R 4, R—Kt 8; 53 Q—B 3 ch, K—K 3; 54 Q—B 5 ch, K—Q 4; 55 Q—B 3 ch, K—K 3; 56 P—Kt 5?, K R—Kt 6 ch; 57 Resigns.

PROBLEM WORLD.

BY B. G. LAWS AND G. W. CHANDLER.

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BRITISH CHESS PROBLEM SOCIETY.

On December 12th, at St. Bride Institute, Ludgate Circus, Mr. W. H. Thompson read a very interesting and instructive paper on the possibilities of the well-known position in which two White Knights on adjacent squares are both *en prise* to the Black King. Mr. Thompson dealt only with three-movers, and it was surprising to find what varied treatment had been given to this idea. While the actual sacrifice of the Knights constituted the theme of many examples, in others the captures were merely incidentals to the presentation of echoes or strategic features. F. af Geyerstam's famous problem showed the finest key of all, but two of the best all-round problems were the work of P. F. Blake. All who heard the lecture should now have a comprehensive knowledge of what has been done in this direction. It is hoped that a large number of members will be present for the *Conversazione* on Tuesday, January 15th.

The Solving competition intended to be held on January 2nd by the London Chess League as announced last month, is cancelled as the congress has been dropped.

B.C.P.S. SOLVING TOURNEY.

The Society's Fifth Solving Tourney starts with the four problems given to-day. There will be twelve in all, but the committee reserve the right to give one or more additional problems if necessary.

There will be three cash prizes of 30/-, 20/- and 10/-, with additional book prizes at the discretion of the committee.

Points will be awarded as follows: In three-movers—Ten points for each key move, and two points for each distinct second move. In four-movers—Fifteen points for each key-move, two points for each distinct second move, and one point for each distinct third move. Proof of impossible position will score ten points, and correct claim of no solution the same as would have been awarded had the problem been correct. No points will be given for dual continuations or short mates. In unsound problems only key-moves will score, but such problems will not be inserted intentionally.

The tournament is open to members and hon. members of the B.C.P.S. Others who wish to compete should with their solutions enclose an application for membership.

Solutions must be posted by the 15th February, 1924, to Mr. C. G. Watney, 18 Queen's Gate Place, London, S.W.7.

SECOND INTERNATIONAL PROBLEM TOURNEY.

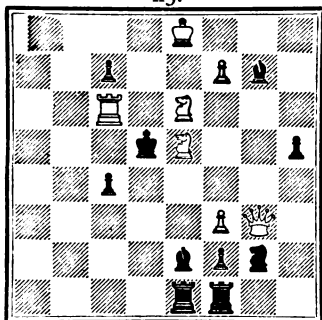
The problem of Dr. F. Rduch, provisionally awarded second prize turns out to have a serious dual. After 1., P×P, the White

Rook can capture either the Pawn on d5 or that on f4. The judges consider that the problem cannot remain in the honours list, but its exclusion will make little difference to the award. Dr. F. Rduch wins the 1st prize, R. Kintzig the 2nd, and the same two composers divide 3rd and 4th.

B.C.P.S. SOLVING TOURNEY.

No. 1. By P. F. BLAKE.

BLACK (10): K d5; R e1, f1;
B e2, g7; Kt g2; P c4, c7, f2,
h5.

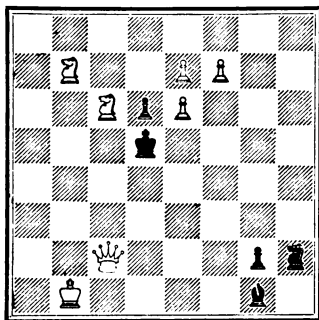


WHITE (7): K e8; Q g3; R c6;
Kt e5, e6; P f3, f7.

White mates in three moves.

No. 2. By A. VAN DER VEN.

BLACK (5): K d5; B g1;
Kt h2; P d6, g2.

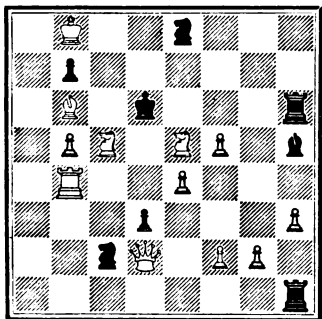


WHITE (7): K b1; Q c2;
Kt b7, c6; P e6, e7, f7.

White mates in three moves.

No. 3. By M. FEIGL.

BLACK (8): K d6; R h1, h6;
B h5; Kt c2, e8; P b7, d3.

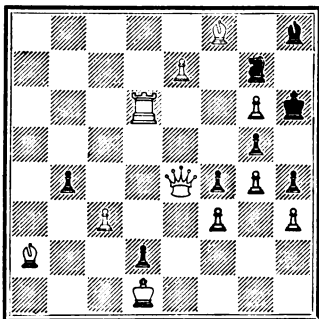


WHITE (12): K b8; Q d2;
R b4; B b6; Kt c5, e5; P b5,
e4, f2, f5, g2, h3.

White mates in three moves.

No. 4. By E. OLGINKAER.

BLACK (8): K h6; B h8;
Kt g7; P b4, d2, f4, g5, h4.



WHITE (11): K d1; Q e4;
R d6; B a2, f8; P c3, e7, f3,
g4, g6, h3.

White mates in four moves.

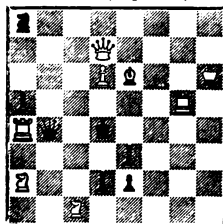
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GERMAN CHESS ASSOCIATION TOURNEY.

First Prize Two-mover.

By F. SACKMANN.

BLACK (7 pieces)



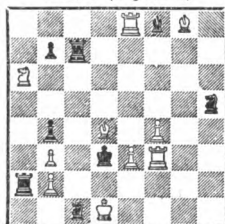
WHITE (8 pieces)

Mate in two

Second Prize Two-mover.

By B. SOMMER.

BLACK (8 pieces)



WHITE (10 pieces)

Mate in two.

Second Prize
Three-mover.
By E. EYLMANN.

BLACK (9 pieces)



WHITE (6 pieces)

Mate in three.

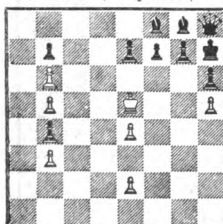
The joint composition of *A. Schiller and M. Schneider took third two-move prize. We gave the first prize three-mover at page 431 last month. The third prize went to B. Sommer.

REFLEX CHESS.—This variant of chess was invented about forty-three years ago. It is becoming quite popular with some of the leading composers of the world, and several papers in their chess columns make a special attraction of this class of sui-mate. In England, Mr. T. R. Dawson is a staunch and leading supporter; in his lecture given last month before the B.C.P. Society he expressed his opinion that the strategy rivalled that which is met in the ordinary self-mate. In sending us the two positions of his own composition he suggested that that position by the writer published last year in the *Western Morning News and Mercury* should be given with his two-mover. In some respects the battery element is similar, but they are distinct creations. We propose now and again to include occasional specimens of this fascinating diversion.

By T. R. DAWSON,

Wallington.

BLACK (10 pieces)



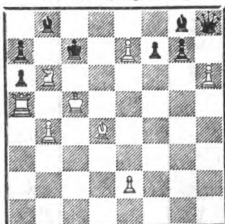
WHITE (7 pieces)

Reflex mate in two.

By B. G. LAWS,

London.

BLACK (8 pieces)

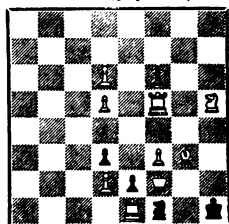


WHITE (8 pieces)

Reflex mate in two.

By T. R. DAWSON.

BLACK (5 pieces)



WHITE (9 pieces)

Reflex mate in three.

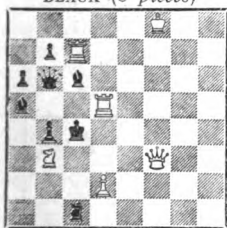
NOTE.—White or Black must give mate when such a mate is possible on the move.

1 OSTDENTCHEN MORGENPOST TOURNEY.

First Prize Two-mover.

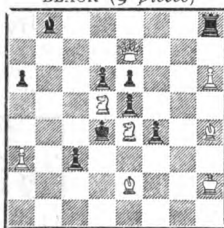
By J. RIETVELD.

BLACK (8 pieces)

WHITE (6 pieces)
Mate in twoFirst & Second (*ex æquo*).

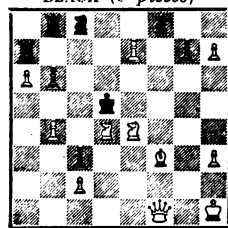
By K. LANE.

BLACK (9 pieces)

WHITE (8 pieces)
Mate in three.First & Second (*ex æquo*).

By Dr. H. V. GOHSCHALL.

BLACK (8 pieces)

WHITE (11 pieces)
Mate in three.

“BOHEMIAN GARNETS.”—Through the generosity of Mr. Alain C. White we in common with many problemists the world over have received this beautiful volume of beautiful problems. It is the 1923 contribution to “A. C. W.’s Christmas Series.” We intend to refer to this handsome gift-book in the February issue.

DUTCH EAST INDIAN CHESS ASSOCIATION.—*Tijdschrift van den Nederlandsch-Indischen Schaakbond* publish the conditions of a yearly International Problem Tourney, 1924. Two classes, two- and three-movers. Competitors may contribute not more than three positions in each section. Diagrams must be used and full solutions given. Motto for each entry and name with address enclosed in a sealed envelope. Last date for acceptance is 30th June next. Address: Herr H. Meyer, Salembaplein, 7, Weltevreden (Java), D.E.I. Corrections may be made up to 30th June. The judges will be Herr H. Weenink and another Dutch composer, to be announced later. Prizes: Three-movers—1st 60 francs, 2nd 40 f., 3rd 25 f. Two-movers—1st 40 f., 2nd 25 f., 3rd 15f. All contributors will receive a copy of the award as also a copy of the magazine in which their entries are published. It is stipulated that all problems entered become the property of the Dutch East Indian Chess Association.

Brisbane Courier Twentieth International Two-move Tourney. This is to take the place of the half-yearly competitions. Problems (hitherto unpublished) must be sent on diagrams with solutions. Mottoes are not necessary. The adjudication will be made by Mr. Arthur Mosely before publication and strict anonymity as to authorship observed. All entries must be received by Mr. W. A. Smith, Chess Editor, *Brisbane Courier*, Brisbane, Queensland, prior to 31st July 1924. The award will be published the following month. All problems entered are to become the property of the *B.C.* A copy of the award, a copy of the column in which their problems appear and the column with solvers’ comments will be sent to all contributors who are invited to send short biographical notes for publication. Prizes: First, £2; second, £1 10s.; third, £1; fourth, 10s.; fifth and six, Chess books.

This nicely constructed problem has been sent to us as a Christmas Card by the composer and the chess editor (W. A. Smith) of the *Brisbane Courier*. The problem is drawn in perspective in colours on brown accompanied by the following interesting verses:—

SALUTATIONS! XMAS, 1923.
Said "S." to "M." near Xmas-tide,
"Let's send a problem far and wide,
And with it greetings for good cheer,
To those abroad, as well as near."

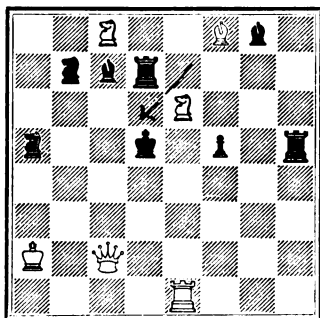
M's work is here, ye wise chess men,
Steal with it to your smoking den,
And there discover if you can,
The key-move true—which is the man?

Hail! Greetings full and wishes bright,
We both express with all our might,
And drink your health in Queensland wine,
Good luck to thee! Best luck to thine!

But printed on but common "brown,"
We feel this will not cause a frown—
Were 'scribed the words on What-man's best,
They'd not more truly be expressed.

By ARTHUR MOSELY,
Brisbane C.A.

BLACK (8 pieces)



WHITE (6 pieces)

Mate in two.

SOLVERS' SCORE—"LADDER" COMPETITION.

Problems (November) 2,443 to 2,446 inclusive.

Dr. R. Tennant Bruce (90) 0-5-0-10 (105); **A. T. Cannell (475) 5-5-10-10 (505); J. Chadwick (Sydney) (100); R. W. Clark (Canada) (440 + 10 Oct., 450) 5-5-10-10 (480); W. H. Cutland (595) 5-5-10-10 (625); **F. J. Dennis (225) 5-5-0-0 (235); B. V. Darbishire (575 + 70 Oct., 645); J. C. Derlain (135) 5-5-0-10 (155); Rev. A. T. Dean (110); G. Fegent (515) 5-5-0-10 (535); C. Folley (710); C. Frost (730) 5-5-0-0 (740); *Albert Haddy (490) 5-5-10-10 (520); **W. F. Herbert (145); *Rev. F. O'D. Hoare (0); F. J. Heal (155); †G. Stillingfleet Johnson (0) 5-5-10-10 (30); J. G. Key (470); *A. Lockley (725) 5-5-10-10 (755); **Frederick Lee (210) 5-5-10-10 (240); J. A. Lewis (535) 5-5-10-10 (565); Hubert Lees (Auckland) (690 + Aug. 20, 15 Sept. = 725); T. W. R. Leistikow (95); *Rev. N. Munro (710); R. J. Minns (465); G. W. Moses (255); Johannes Neilson (415) 5-5-10-10 (445); M. E. Onslow (385) 5-0-0-0 (390); **A. Peacock (130); Maurice A. Porter (110); T. Rosenfield (160); R. G. Thompson (145) 5-5-10-10 (175); B. Tott (620) 5-5-0-10 (640); O. L. Telling (Monte Carlo) (495); R. G. Tyzack (40); Rev. E. Wells (510) 5-5-10-10 (540); **H. Wilkins (210); Major W. T. Wetham (360) 5-0-0-0 (365); *W. A. Way (155).

Mr. A. Lockley heads the November Table with his score of 755.

SOLUTIONS.

No. 2,443, by A. Mosely.—1 Q—B 6. A neatly constructed waiter in which the key changes one mate.

No. 2,444, by R. W. Clark.—1 Kt—B 8. A fairly good two-er, with a capital key and two pretty unpinning variations. A difficult idea to render economically.

No. 2,445, by G. F. Anderson.—1 R—Q 1. If 1.., Kt—B 7, etc.; 2 Kt—Q 6! If 1.., Kt×P; 2 K×Kt. If 1.., P—Q 5; 2 R—B 1 ch. If 1.., K—Q 5; 2 Q—K 7. Two pretty lines of play, one embodying a clever pin feature. The key is only moderate.

No. 2,446, by P. F. Blake.—1 P×P, threatening 2 Q—Kt 4 ch. If 1.., B×P ch; 2 P—B 3! If 1.., B—K 4; 2 B—B 6 ch. If 1.., K—B 5; 2 B—Q 7. Since the capture key allows a recapture with check it can hardly be considered aggressive. The three model mates form a most original combination, indeed, the problem was composed to illustrate them. If not so ambitious as most of the author's work, this problem shows the master hand.

By W. Geary (p. 467).—1 Kt—K 8, K—K 3; 2 Q—Kt 8 ch, etc. If 1.., P×P; 2 Kt—Kt 7 ch, etc. If 1.., K—K 5; 2 Kt (K 8)—B 6 ch, etc. If 1.., P—B 5; 2 Kt—Q 6 ch, etc. A miniature *bonne bouche*. The arrangement lends itself to a capital key and though the play has often been shown, it is presented here very nicely.

By W. Geary (p. 467).—1 P—B 3, P—K 7; 2 Q—Q 3 ch, etc. If 1.., K×P; 2 Q—B 3 ch, etc. If 1.., B or Kt×P; 2 Q—R 1 ch, etc. If 1.., P—B 4 or P—Q 4; 2 Q—B 2 ch, etc. If 1.., others; 2 Kt—Q 6 ch, etc. Not often did this composer employ so much material. The variations are pleasing, but the necessity of the Black King's Bishop's Pawn spoils what might have been a capital problem; the mates when the King is at K or Kt 3 should be models.

By W. Geary (p. 467).—1 Kt—K 4, K×P; 2 Kt—B 3 dis ch, K—K 6 (if 2.., K—B 5; 3 Q—Q 1, etc. If 2.., K—B 7; 3 Q—Kt 5, etc.); 3 Q—Q 6, etc. If 1.., K—K 4; 2 Q—Q 6 ch, K—Q 5; 3 Q—Kt 3, etc. Though very simple in appearance this little four-mover is not so easy to solve. The combination of the two lines is good, but one has seen similar lines before, but perhaps not as blended here.

By G. Hume and D. Pirnie (p. 467).—1 Q—B 5, P—Q 5; 2 Q×Kt P, etc. If 1.., P×P; 2 Q—B 4 ch, etc. If 1.., P—Kt 5 dis ch; 2 Q—B 6 ch, etc. If 1.., R×Kt ch; 2 Q—B 8 ch, etc. Most ingeniously arranged and at first rather puzzling. The key turns two of the defences from mates on the move to full length lines. The difficulty seems to be to overcome the defence of P×P.

By G. Hume and D. Pirnie (p. 467).—1 R—K Kt 4, P—Q 5; 2 R—Kt 5, P—Q 6; 3 Kt—Kt 8, etc. If 1.., K—K 3; 2 R—K B 4 dis ch, K—Q 3; 3 R—Q 4, etc. The peculiar point of this problem is that at move 3 (after 1.., K—K 3) the position is exactly as in the diagram with Black instead of White to play. The other defence (1.., P—Q 5) is cleverly worked in.

By B. J. Andrade (p. 468). 1 Q—Kt 2, etc. The changing of the method of meeting the adverse checks (and incidentally adding one) is most ingeniously manipulated. The temptation of 1 B—Kt 2 is a good feature.

By A. van der Ven (p. 468).—1 Q—B 4, etc. Though the key is easy, some of the mates require care.

By W. Langstaff (p. 468).—1 Q—Kt 4, etc. Here there is a clever change to meet the check by Bishop, and the play after 1.., R or B—Q 3 is interesting.

By B. Malmstrom (p. 468).—1 B—Q B 8, K or Kt—Kt 6; 2 R—Q 4, etc. If 1.., K Kt else; 2 B—B 6 ch, etc. If 1.., Kt×P ch; 2 Kt×Kt ch, etc. If 1.., Kt—B 4; 2 R—K 6 ch, etc. If 1.., Q Kt else; 2 R—Q 5 ch, etc. If 1.., R—R 5 or B 6; 2 Kt—B 3 ch, etc. If 1.., R else; 2 R—Q 4, etc. The Pawns on the Queen side indicate the sacrifice of the Rook. There is nothing remarkable about the continuations.

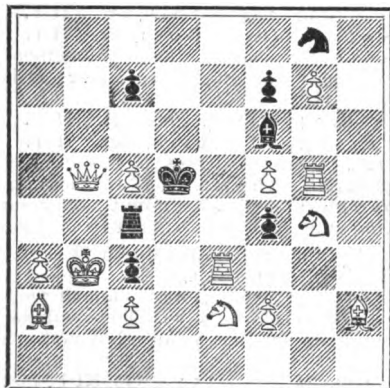
By A. Mari (p. 468).—1 B—B 5, Kt×Kt dis ch, Kt×P or else dis ch; 2 B—Kt 4 dis ch, etc. If 1.., B×P; 2 Kt×B ch, etc. If 1.., Kt—K 2; 2 Q×Kt ch, etc. If 1.., others; 2 Kt—B 6 ch, etc. The checks and counter-checks are amusing and surprisingly contrived. An exhibition problem, but not at first sight attractive. Mr. C. H. Brocklebank, who has proved unsoundness, in about a dozen "prize" problems of recent date sends us a cook to this three-mover by 1 P×B and suggests changing the Bishop at K R 8 for a Black Queen which does not interfere with the author's intention but protects the Pawn at R 3.

By A. Mosely (p. 469).—1 Kt—Q 5, etc.

By A. Mosely (p. 469).—1 R—B 5, etc. Here two positions illustrate respectively the maximum captures of Bishop and Rook in the King's field without a check, tasks well carried out.

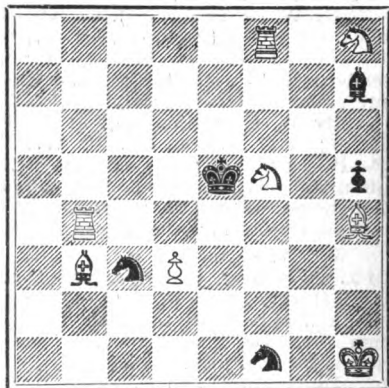
ORIGINAL PROBLEMS.

No. 2,451.

By M. BUKOFZER
(Woodside, U.S.A.)BLACK (8 *pieces*)WHITE (14 *pieces*)

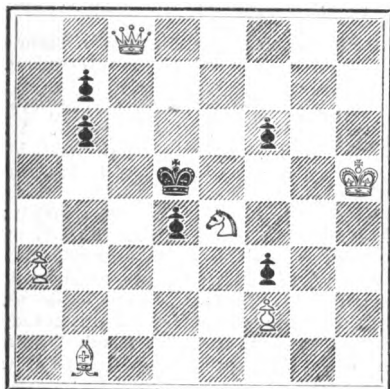
White mates in two moves.

No. 2,452.

By G. C. ALVEY
(New Malden).BLACK (5 *pieces*)WHITE (8 *pieces*)


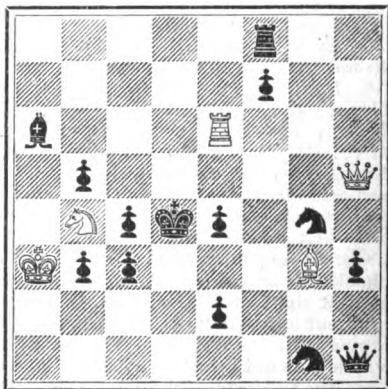
White mates in two moves.

No. 2,453.

By JOHAN SCHEEL
Slemdal (Norway).BLACK (6 *pieces*)WHITE (6 *pieces*)

White mates in three moves.

No. 2,454.

By L. B. SALKIND. 
(Moscow).BLACK (14 *pieces*)WHITE (5 *pieces*)

White mates in three moves.

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THE FOURTH CHRISTMAS CHESS CONGRESS AT HASTINGS.

Another triumph for the chess-lovers of Hastings and St. Leonards has to be recorded. The best way, however, to give an idea of their achievement is to describe first what happened and to reserve for the end a few words of appreciation.

Proceedings started shortly before 6 p.m. on Thursday, when the Mayor of Hastings, Councillor A. Blackman, J.P., took the chair in the Council Chamber. Mr. H. E. Dobell, as president of the Hastings Chess Club, moved a vote of thanks to the Mayor, to whom, with the Council, they were indebted for the excellent accommodation provided for the congress, and alluded sympathetically to the recent illness of the Mayoress, but for which they would have hoped to have been honoured with her presence that evening. Mr. E. J. Ackroyd having seconded the vote, it was carried with acclamation. His Worship returned thanks on behalf of his wife and himself, and offered a hearty welcome to the many distinguished players of the noble game whom he saw before his eyes. He was especially pleased, he said, to notice so many ladies there, but also at the presence of a strong representation of the Press. He then declared the congress open, and almost exactly at 6 play began.

We give a daily report on the Premier tournament, and a summary account of the other events.

PREMIER TOURNAMENT :

ROUND I, December 28th.

| | <i>Opening.</i> | <i>Result.</i> |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Colle <i>v.</i> Yates | Q.P. (Tchigorin Defence) .. | *Drawn (46). |
| Seitz <i>v.</i> Price | English | Seitz won (31). |
| Euwe <i>v.</i> Maroczy | French Defence | Drawn (29). |
| Blake <i>v.</i> Norman | Caro-Kann | *Drawn (49). |
| Michell <i>v.</i> Mises | Centre Counter | *Michell won (48). |
| * Adjourned once. | | |

Of the games finished during the evening, that between Euwe and Maroczy was a cautiously played affair, in which a draw was foreshadowed fairly early, with the disappearance of the Queens, and was the legitimate result. Seitz *v.* Price turned into a kind of Sicilian, with White's Queen's Bishop's Pawn advanced. After three hours' play Price lost the Exchange and, in spite of a good struggle, his defeat became inevitable.

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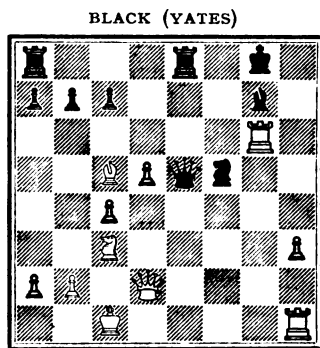
The three remaining games went over to Friday afternoon. Of these, Michell's against Mieses was won in excellent style, after he had given up Queen for two Rooks on his 27th move and then proceeded to gain a minor piece. Colle v. Yates (which we give below) was a complicated and adventurous game, such as Yates delights in. After being forced to sacrifice Queen for Rook and Bishop, the former British champion got left ultimately with Rook, two Bishops and three Pawns against Queen, Knight and five Pawns. He defended well, and Colle could do no better than draw. The last to finish were Blake and Norman, the former, after some thirty moves with level forces, getting Queen, Bishop and three Pawns against two Rooks, Bishop and two Pawns. The Bishops having been exchanged off a draw came about legitimately enough.

GAME No. 5,170.

Q.P. (Tchigorin Defence).

| WHITE E. COLLE | BLACK F. D. YATES |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| 1 P—Q 4 | 1 Kt—K B 3 |
| 2 P—Q B 4 | 2 P—K Kt 3 |
| 3 Kt—Q B 3 | 3 P—Q 3 |
| 4 P—K 4 | 4 B—Kt 2 |
| 5 P—B 4 | 5 Castles |
| 6 Kt—B 3 | 6 Kt—B 3 |
| 7 P—Q 5 | 7 Kt—Kt 1 |
| 8 B—Q 3 | 8 Q Kt—Q 2 |
| 9 B—K 3 | 9 Kt—Kt 5 |
| 10 B—Q 2 | 10 Kt—B 4 |
| 11 B—B 2 | 11 P—K 4 |
| 12 P—K R 3 | 12 Kt—B 3 |
| 13 P×P | 13 P×P |
| 14 B—K 3 | 14 Q—K 2 |
| 15 Q—Q 2 | 15 Kt—R 4 |
| 16 P—K Kt 4 | 16 Kt—B 5 |
| 17 Castles Q R | 17 P—B 4 |
| 18 Kt P×P | 18 P×P |
| 19 Q R—Kt 1 | 19 P×P? |
| 20 K Kt×P | 20 Q×Kt |
| 21 B×Q Kt | 21 R—K 1 |
| 22 K B×P | 22 Kt—Kt 3 |
| 23 B×Kt | 23 P×B |
| 24 R×P | 24 B—B 4 |
| (See Diagram) | |
| 25 B—Q 4 | 25 B×R |
| 26 B×Q | 26 R×B |
| 27 R—Kt 1 | 27 K—R 2 |
| 28 Q—Kt 2 | 28 B—R 3 ch |

Position after 24..., B—B 4.



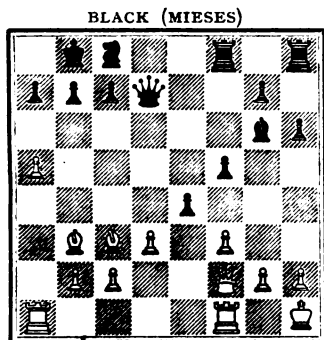
| BLACK (YATES) | | WHITE (COLLE) | |
|---------------|----------|---------------|-------------|
| 29 | K—Q 1 | 29 | R—K Kt 1 |
| 30 | Q—R 2 | 30 | Q R—K 1 |
| 31 | Q—Kt 3 | 31 | B—B 4 |
| 32 | Q—B 3 | 32 | R—K B 1 |
| 33 | R—K 1 | 33 | B—Kt 3 |
| 34 | Q—Kt 4 | 34 | R (K 4)—B 4 |
| 35 | R—K 7 ch | 35 | R (B 1)—B 2 |
| 36 | R×R ch | 36 | R×R |
| 37 | Q—K 6? | 37 | R—B 6! |
| 38 | P—B 5 | 38 | B—Q 6 |
| 39 | Q—Q 7 ch | 39 | K—R 1 |
| 40 | Q—K 8 ch | 40 | K—R 2 |
| 41 | Q—K 7 ch | 41 | K—Kt 1 |
| 42 | Q—K 6 ch | 42 | K—R 2 |
| 43 | Q—Q 7 ch | 43 | K—R 1 |

44 Q—K 8 ch 44 K—R 2
 45 Q—K 7 ch 45 K—Kt 1
 46 Q—K 6 ch 46 K—R 2

Drawn

The Field suggests instead of 19... P×P, 19... Q Kt×P, forcing White to recapture and open the King's Bishop's file for Black's Rook; and, instead of 37 Q—K 6, 37 Kt—K 4.

The following shows Michell's Queen sacrifice against Mises and its sequel:—
 Position after Black's 23rd move.



24 B P×P 24 P×P

25 Q×R 25 R×Q
 26 R×R 26 P×P
 27 P×P 27 B—B 4
 28 B—B 4 28 P—K Kt 3
 29 R—K 1 29 P—R 3
 30 R(K1)—K 8 30 Q—B 3
 31 R—Q 8 31 Q—B 4
 32 P—R 3 32 Q—K 2
 33 R(Q8)—K 8 33 Q—B 4
 34 K—R 2 34 B—Q 2
 35 R—Q 8 35 Q—Q 3 ch
 36 K—R 1 36 Q—K 2
 37 B—Q 5 37 P—K Kt 4
 38 B—B 3 38 P—Kt 3
 39 B—K Kt 4 39 B×B
 40 P×B 40 Q—K 7
 41 P×P 41 P×P
 42 R×Kt ch, and seven moves later Black resigned.

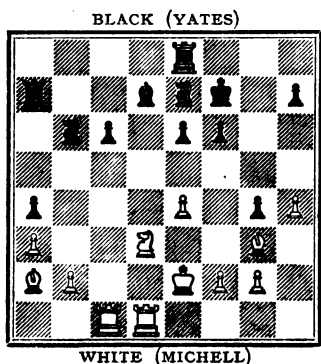
ROUND 2, December 28th.

| | Opening. | Result. |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Price v. Colle | Q.P. (Tchigorin Defence) .. | Colle won (31) |
| Maroczy v. Seitz | French | *Maroczy won (54). |
| Michell v. Yates | Queen's Gambit Declined .. | Michell won (36). |
| Mises v. Blake | Scotch Game | *Drawn (39). |
| Norman v. Euwe | Queen's Gambit Declined .. | Euwe won (19). |

Norman brought about his own defeat in less than two hours, embarking on a combination by which he hoped to win two pieces for a Rook; but he found himself faced with the loss of his Queen, and resigned. Price lasted an hour and a half longer against Colle. He had some attack, as against a piece lost, and the compensation of three Pawns at first. He was obliged, however, to lose one Pawn and then another, when all his compensation vanished, and there was no point in continuing. Michell and Yates only changed off Queen and one Pawn each in the first two hours. Afterwards Michell gave up the Exchange to get a very superior position, in which he won a minor piece. Being very short of time, Yates could find nothing better to do than to yield back the Exchange, which left him a clear piece (and a Pawn) down. He thereupon resigned. See ending below.

Resuming the same afternoon, Maroczy, who had played an old-fashioned continuation against the French, with an early P—K 5, and had even on the 22nd move looked like winning quickly, brought the game down to Rook, Bishop and three Pawns v. Rook, Bishop

and one Pawn; and, although the Bishops were of opposite colours, Seitz had no chance of staving off defeat. The remaining game was not finished until the evening. Mieses, having gained a Pawn early, could not keep it, and an ending with level forces came about, which led to a draw by repetition of moves.



The diagram shows the position in *Michell v. Yates*, with Michell to make his 28th move. The continuation was: 28 Kt—B 5, P—B 4?; 29 R×B, Kt×R; 30 B×P ch, K—Kt 3; 31 B×Kt, R—Q 1; 32 R—Q 1, R—K B 1; 33 R—Q 6 ch, R—B 3?; 34 P—R 5 ch, K—B 2; 35 B—K 8 ch, K×B; 36 R×R, Resigns.

ROUND 3, December 29th.

| | Opening. | Result. |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Blake <i>v.</i> Michell | Vienna | *Michell won (48). |
| Euwe <i>v.</i> Mieses | Q.P. (Budapest Defence) .. | Euwe won (32). |
| Seitz <i>v.</i> Norman | English | Norman won (29). |
| Yates <i>v.</i> Price | Ruy Lopez | Yates won (24). |
| Colle <i>v.</i> Maroczy | Queen's Gambit | Drawn (35). |

Price fell into the old trap *Tarrasch-Marco*, Dresden, 1892 (though discovered by Mieses earlier still): 1 P—K 4, P—K 4; 2 Kt—K B 3, Kt—Q B 3; 3 B—Kt 5, Kt—B 3; 4 Castles, B—K 2; 5 Kt—B 3, P—Q 3; 6 P—Q 4, B—Q 2; 7 R—K 1, Castles?; 8 B×Kt, B×B; 9 P×P, P×P; 10 Q×Q, Q R×Q (K R×Q is worse); 11 Kt×P, B×P; 12 Kt×B, Kt×Kt; 13 Kt—Q 3, P—K B 4; 14 P—K B 3, B—B 4 ch; 15 Kt×B, Kt×Kt; 16 B—Kt 5, winning the Exchange and the game.

Seitz v. Norman was the next to finish, the German player making an unsound sacrifice on his 18th move, which Norman smartly refuted. The game is given below. Just about the end of three hours' play Euwe, who had been conducting a fine, vigorous game, forced a win against Mieses.

Colle appeared for a time to be working up the better game against Maroczy; but his attack in the end only resulted in his being a Pawn down, with Bishops of opposite colours, and there was but a draw in view, which he was naturally content to accept.

Blake v. Michell, which was reaching the end-game stage with level forces, was adjourned until Monday afternoon, when Michell won, the termination being shown below. It may be noted that Blake had previously had the best of the game and was unlucky to lose as he did.

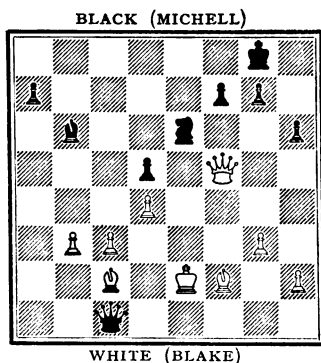
GAME No. 5,171.

English Opening.

| WHITE | | BLACK | | WHITE | | BLACK | |
|----------|----------|--------------|---------------|----------|-----------|--------------|-----------|
| A. SEITZ | | G. M. NORMAN | | A. SEITZ | | G. M. NORMAN | |
| 1 | P—Q B 4 | 1 | Kt—K B 3 | 16 | P—Q 5 | 16 | P×P |
| 2 | Kt—Q B 3 | 2 | P—Q 4 | 17 | P×P | 17 | B—Q 3 |
| 3 | P×P | 3 | Kt×P | 18 | B×P? | 18 | P×B |
| 4 | P—Q 4 | 4 | P—K 3 | 19 | Q×P | 19 | Kt—B 5! |
| 5 | P—K 4 | 5 | Kt—K B 3 | 20 | Kt—K Kt 3 | 20 | Q—K 2 |
| 6 | Kt—B 3 | 6 | B—K 2 | 21 | B—B 1? | 21 | R—B 3 |
| 7 | B—Q 3 | 7 | Q Kt—Q 2 | 22 | Q—R 4 | 22 | R—Kt 3 |
| 8 | Castles | 8 | Castles | 23 | Kt—B 3 | 23 | Q×Q |
| 9 | Q—B 2 | 9 | P—K R 3 | 24 | Kt×Q | 24 | Kt—R 6 ch |
| 10 | R—Q 1 | 10 | P—R 3 | 25 | K—R 1 | 25 | Kt×P ch |
| 11 | B—K 3 | 11 | Kt—Kt 5 | 26 | K—Kt 1 | 26 | Kt×R |
| 12 | B—K B 4 | 12 | Kt (Kt 5)—B 3 | 27 | Kt×R | 27 | B—B 4 ch |
| 13 | Q R—B 1 | 13 | Kt—K R 4 | 28 | K—R 1 | 28 | Kt—B 7 ch |
| 14 | B—K 3 | 14 | Kt—Kt 3 | 29 | Resigns | | |
| 15 | Q—Q 2 | 15 | P—K B 4 | | | | |

The ending Blake *v.* Michell is annexed. In the diagrammed position Michell's sealed move was 35., P—Kt 3; and play continued: 36 Q—Q 3, Kt—Kt 4; 37 B—K 1, Kt—K 3; 38 Q—Q 2, Q—Kt 7; 39 B—Q 1, Q—R 8; 40 Q×P? (falling into the trap, and overlooking the diagonal check on move 42), B×P!; 41 P×B, Kt×P ch; 42 K—Q 2, Q—R 4 ch; 43 K—Q 3 (K—B 1 seems better), Q×B; 44 Q—B 1, Q—Kt 5 ch; 45 K—B 3, Kt—B 4; 46 Q—B 4, P—Q 5 ch; 47 K—Kt 5? (at once fatal, but

the game was not to be saved), Q—K 8 ch; 48 Resigns.



ROUND 4, December 29th.

| Opening. | | | | Result. |
|-------------------------|----|----|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Mieses <i>v.</i> Seitz | .. | .. | Sicilian | *Seitz won (49). |
| Blake <i>v.</i> Euwe | .. | .. | Sicilian | Euwe won (37). |
| Maroczy <i>v.</i> Yates | .. | .. | English | *Yates won (48). |
| Price <i>v.</i> Michell | .. | .. | Queen's Gambit Declined | Michell won (36). |
| Norman <i>v.</i> Colle | .. | .. | Q.P. (Irregular Defence) | *Colle won (50). |

The first game to finish in the evening was Euwe's, which he won with his usual polish, after securing a decided advantage about the 20th move and getting a Queen against Rook and Bishop in the ending—the Queen having control of a sparsely occupied board.

Michell's victory over Price followed; but the latter played very much better in the opening than in any of his three previous games, and Michell himself confessed that the most he had hoped for, after becoming a Pawn down, was to escape with a draw. As it was, he picked up Pawns until he had a clear win.

Of the games necessitating an adjournment Mieses *v.* Seitz was quickly finished off. The older player, who had met the Sicilian with P—Q 3 (not Q 4) and a King's fianchetto, got a good game early, but frittered his advantage away, lost a Pawn and, after the resumption, two more, Seitz grasping his opportunity with alacrity. In Norman *v.* Colle, which opened with 1 P—Q 4, Kt—K B 3; 2 P—Q B 4, P—Q 3; 3 Kt—Q B 3, B—B 4 (Reti's variation), the Hastings man had a good enough game on the 13th move and again a little later; but he fell away and on move 32 lost a Pawn. On the 39th he had become two Pawns down—passed Pawns on the Queen's wing. The position was obviously hopeless against an opponent of Colle's strength.

Maroczy *v.* Yates was not resumed until Monday afternoon, when Yates put an excellent victory to his credit. Maroczy, at the adjournment, had already lost a Pawn, and had his King's Bishop and King's Rook absolutely locked in on the King's side, so that the result was practically inevitable. We append the whole game.

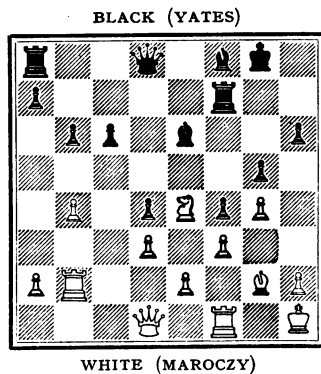
GAME No. 5,172.

English Opening.

| WHITE | BLACK |
|-------------|-------------|
| G. MAROCZY | F. D. YATES |
| 1 P—Q B 4 | 1 Kt—K B 3 |
| 2 Kt—Q B 3 | 2 P—K Kt 3 |
| 3 P—K Kt 3 | 3 B—Kt 2 |
| 4 B—Kt 2 | 4 P—Q 3 |
| 5 P—Q 3 | 5 P—B 3 |
| 6 B—Q 2 | 6 Q Kt—Q 2 |
| 7 Q—B 1 | 7 P—K R 3 |
| 8 R—Kt 1 | 8 P—K 4 |
| 9 P—Q Kt 4 | 9 Kt—B 1 |
| 10 Kt—B 3 | 10 Kt—K 3 |
| 11 Castles | 11 P—K Kt 4 |
| 12 Kt—K 4 | 12 Castles |
| 13 B—B 3 | 13 Kt—K 1 |
| 14 Q—Kt 2 | 14 P—K B 4 |
| 15 Q Kt—Q 2 | 15 Kt—B 3 |
| 16 Kt—Kt 3 | 16 Q—K 1 |
| 17 Kt—K 1 | 17 Q—R 4 |
| 18 P—B 3 | 18 P—B 5 |
| 19 P—Kt 4 | 19 Q—K 1 |
| 20 Kt—B 2 | 20 P—Kt 3 |
| 21 P—B 5 | 21 Kt—Q 4 |
| 22 P×Q P | 22 Kt×B |

| | |
|-----------|------------|
| 23 Q×Kt | 23 Q—Q 2 |
| 24 Q—K 1 | 24 Q×P |
| 25 Kt—Q 2 | 25 Kt—Q 5 |
| 26 Q—Q 1 | 26 B—K 3 |
| 27 Kt—K 4 | 27 Q—Q 1 |
| 28 R—Kt 2 | 28 R—B 2 |
| 29 K—R 1 | 29 B—K B 1 |
| 30 Kt×Kt | 30 P×Kt |

Position after 30., P×Kt.



.....It will be seen that this shutting in of White's Bishop for the rest of the game has a tremendous influence upon the result.

31 K—Kt 1 31 P—Q R 4
 32 P×P 32 R×P
 33 Q—Kt 1 33 P—Kt 4
 34 R—Q B 2 34 B—Q 4
 35 K—B 2 35 K R—K R 2
 36 K R—B 1 36 B—R 6

37 R—R 1 37 B—K 2
 38 P—K R 4 38 R×P
 39 P×P 39 R×R
 40 Q×R 40 R—R 7
 41 Q—B 1 41 B×P
 42 B—B 1 42 Q—K 2
 43 Resigns

Now White has both Rook and Bishop shut in on the King's side, while Black has full freedom and a Pawn ahead.

The scores at the end of the first week's play (anticipating the results of the unfinished games) were: Michell, 4; Euwe, 3½; Colle, 3; Yates, 2½; Maroczy and Seitz, 2; Norman, 1½; Blake, 1; Mieses, ½; and Price, 0.

ROUND 5. December 31st.

Opening.

Result.

| | | |
|------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Colle v. Mieses | English | *Colle won (49). |
| Seitz v. Blake | English | **Seitz won (70). |
| Michell v. Euwe | Q.P. (Grünfeld Defence) .. | *Euwe won (46). |
| Price v. Maroczy | Q.P. (Grünfeld Defence) .. | Maroczy won (40). |
| Yates v. Norman | Caro-Kann | *Yates won (48). |

** Twice adjourned.

The English Opening enjoys some popularity in this tournament—though it isn't the English players who adopt it. The Grünfeld Defence is also popular; but that form of answer to the Queen's Pawn Game (which, we believe, has been played by Mr. McLean, of Brighton, very many years before it received its baptismal name from the Austrian master) tends often to transpose into some other form of the opening.

Price's run of ill-success continued in Round 5. Near the end of the second hour he had to lose the Exchange for a Pawn, and Maroczy reduced matters to a simple ending, in which the Rook utterly mastered the Bishop. All the other games in the round were adjourned. In the afternoon, Colle, who had previously got Mieses into a difficult position and won a Pawn, conducted the end-game relentlessly, forced a Pawn down to the 7th, and won. (See below.) Yates resumed his game with Norman immediately after his victory over Maroczy in Round 4. He won again, after getting a pull when emerging from the opening.

In the evening Michell v. Euwe was resumed in a position where the Dutch champion was a Pawn ahead. As we shall be publishing this in our Games Department, we shall say no more than that things were level until Michell, in a fit of indecision, made a weak 15th move. The young Dutch champion won a Pawn in consequence, and conducted the rest of the game in his usual classical style.

Only Seitz v. Blake remained, and this required a second adjournment, until Tuesday evening. All sixteen Pawns remained on for over two hours. After fifty moves material was level, but Blake had

a Rook quite hemmed in and a dreadfully cramped position. Nevertheless, he made a capital fight until at last, after having given up the Exchange, he made a blunder, and Seitz registered a very {hard-earned victory.

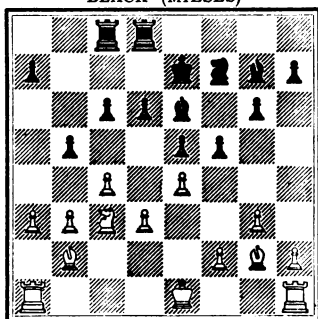
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English Opening.

- | WHITE | BLACK |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| E. COLLE | J. MIESES |
| 1 P—Q B 4 | 1 P—K 4 |
| 2 Kt—Q B 3 | 2 Kt—Q B 3 |
| 3 P—K Kt 3 | 3 P—K Kt 3 |
| 4 B—Kt 2 | 4 B—Kt 2 |
| 5 P—K 3 | |
| 5 P—Q 3 was the correct move. | |
| 6 K Kt—K 2 | 5 K Kt—K 2 |
| 7 P—Q R 3 | 6 P—Q 3 |
| 8 Kt—Q 5 | 7 B—K 3 |
| 9 P—Q 3 | 8 Q—Q 2 |
| 10 K Kt—B 3 | 9 P—B 4 |
| 11 Q—R 4 | 10 Kt—Q 1 |
| 12 Kt×Q | 11 Q×Q |
| 13 K Kt—B 3 | 12 R—Q B 1 |
| 14 Kt×Kt | 13 P—B 3 |
| 15 P—Kt 3 | 14 K×Kt |
| 16 B—Kt 2 | 15 Kt—B 2 |
| 17 P—K 4 | 16 K R—Q 1 |
| | 17 P—Q Kt 4 |

Position after 17..., P—Q Kt 4.

BLACK (MIESES)



WHITE (COLLE)

.....Mieses himself remarked at the time that the position was very interesting. It is a case of one ingenious player against another.

18 B P×P

18 B×P

- | | |
|--------------|------------|
| 19 Kt P×P | 19 R×P? |
| 20 P×P | 20 P—K 5 |
| 21 Kt—Q 5 ch | 21 B×Kt |
| 22 B×B | 22 P×P |
| 23 Castles | 23 Kt—Kt 4 |
| 24 B—R 6 | 24 K—B 3 |
| 25 P—K R 4 | 25 Kt—B 2 |
| 26 B—B 4 | 26 R—B 6 |
| 27 P×P | 27 B×P |
| 28 B—K 3 | 28 K—Kt 3 |
| 29 K R—B 1 | 29 R×R ch |
| 30 R×R | 30 R—Q 2 |
| 31 R—B 4? | |

M. Colle points out that he should have played first B×B, as now Black has the chance of 31..., Kt—K 4, with a view to Bishops of opposite colours. As he actually plays, Black loses a Pawn.

- | | |
|-------------|--------------|
| 31 R—R 4 | 31 B—Q 6? |
| 32 B—K B 1 | 32 P—Q R 3 |
| 33 B×B | 33 B—Kt 4 |
| 34 R—Q Kt 4 | 34 P×B |
| 35 R×P | 35 P—K 4 |
| 36 P—R 4 | 36 Kt—Q 4 |
| 37 K—Kt 2 | 37 Kt—B 6 ch |
| 38 K—B 1 | 38 Kt—K 8 ch |
| 39 B—B 5 | 39 Kt—B 7 |
| | 40 K—R 4 |

.....To stop R—Kt 6 ch and

- | | |
|-----------|-----------|
| R—Q 6. | |
| 41 P—R 5 | 41 P—Q 5 |
| 42 K—K 2 | 42 R—Q 4 |
| 43 K—Q 3 | 43 Kt—R 6 |
| 44 R—Kt 3 | 44 Kt—B 7 |
| 45 K—B 4 | 45 R—Q 1 |
| 46 P—R 6 | 46 Kt—R 8 |
| 47 R—Kt 1 | 47 Kt—B 7 |
| 48 P—R 7 | 48 P—Q 6 |
| 49 R—Q 1 | Resigns |

.....Mieses has made an ingenious, though hopeless fight.

Euwe has thus wrested away the lead and is $4\frac{1}{2}$. Michell and Colle are 4; Yates, $3\frac{1}{2}$; and Maroczy and (counting in the game against Blake) Seitz, 3.

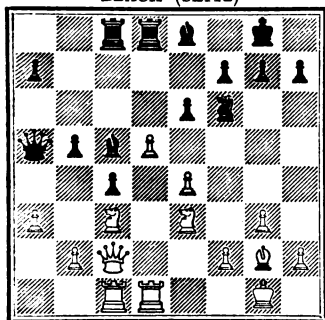
ROUND 6, January 1st.

| <i>Opening.</i> | | | | <i>Result.</i> |
|--------------------|-------|-------------------------|----|--------------------|
| Norman v. Price | .. .. | Q.P. (Grünfeld Defence) | .. | Norman won (30). |
| Michell v. Maroczy | .. .. | Sicilian | .. | *Maroczy won (50). |
| Euwe v. Seitz | .. .. | Queen's Gambit Declined | .. | Euwe won (34). |
| Mieses v. Yates | .. .. | Scotch | .. | *Drawn (53). |
| Blake v. Colle | .. .. | Sicilian | .. | Blake won (38). |

In four of the games material remained level for the first two hours; but in Mieses v. Yates it was different. The German master played his best game of the tournament so far and on the 18th move was a Pawn to the good. There were Bishops of opposite colours; but Mieses captured Yates's Bishop with a Rook, and promptly won back the Exchange, with another Pawn. When the game was continued on Wednesday afternoon, Yates was still a Pawn down; but the ending, with all the pieces except the Queens off, came legitimately to a draw.

This, however, did not finish until next day. On the morning of Tuesday Price suffered his usual fate in this tournament. At the end of three hours he was level in material; then he collapsed. Euwe played a delightful game (of which we give part below), taking far less time over it than his opponent, and winning handsomely. Blake had a welcome change of fortune. For long he was very much on the defensive; but on move 27, taking advantage of a blunder by Colle, he had secured two minor pieces for a Rook, and he made the odds tell.

BLACK (SEITZ)

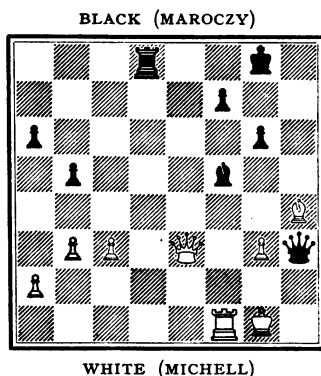


WHITE (EUWE)

Position after Black's 20th move in Euwe v. Seitz. The game continued; 21 P—K 5, B×Kt; 22 P×Kt, B—R 3; 23 B P×P, Q—Kt 3; 24 R—K 1, B×R; 25 Q×B, P×P; 26 Kt×Q P, R×Kt; 27 B×R, Q—Q 5; 28 Q—Kt 5, Q×K Kt P; 29 Q—B 5, R—Q 1; 30 R—K 4, K—B 1; 31 B—Kt 7, P—K R 3; 32 R—Kt 4, and Black's Queen is lost.

Michell v. Maroczy was resumed in the afternoon, the Hungarian, who had previously held a strong advantage and could apparently have won a piece, having no longer much the better of it. However, matters went slightly in his favour until, on the 43rd move, Michell, who was getting very short of time, made a distinctly inferior move and threw away his drawing chances—and any hope of the first prize as well. (See ending below.)

This was the position after White's 34th move in *Michell v. Maroczy*, the latter sealing the continuation was: 35 Q—K 8 ch, K—Kt 2; 36 Q—K 5 ch, K—R 2; 37 Q—B 7, K—Kt 1; 38 Q—Kt 8 ch, B—B 1; 39 Q—B 4, B—K 3; 40 P—B 4, P×P; 41 P×P, K—R 2; 42 R—B 1, R—R 6; 43 Q—B 2, P—Kt 4; 44 Q—Q Kt 2? (fatal; Q—B 1 was necessary, giving up the Rook's Pawn, but with drawing chances), R—K B 6; 45 Q—Kt 1 ch, K—R 3; 46 Q—Kt 8, P×B; 47 Q—R 8 ch, K—Kt 3; 48 Q—Kt 8 ch, K—B 3; 49 Q—Q 8 ch, K—B 4; 50 Resigns.



Leading scores: Euwe, 5½; Colle, Maroczy, Michell and Yates, 4 each.

ROUND 7, January 2nd.

| | <i>Opening.</i> | <i>Result.</i> |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Price <i>v.</i> Mieses | Q.P. (Dutch Defence) .. | Mieses won (24). |
| Yates <i>v.</i> Blake | Ruy Lopez | Yates won (42). |
| Colle <i>v.</i> Euwe | Queen's Pawn | Colle won (25). |
| Seitz <i>v.</i> Michell | Queen's Gambit Declined | *Seitz won (54). |
| Maroczy <i>v.</i> Norman | Q.P. (Grünfeld Defence) .. | Maroczy won (40). |

Price, totally out of form still, had a terribly bad game before the end of an hour apiece, and was faced by a mate when he resigned. Maroczy was the next to score. In less than an hour he had a practically won game, with two open files against Norman's Castled King, and he came to the ending with two Rooks against Rook and Bishop. It was only a matter of time then. A big sensation followed, Euwe being outplayed for the first time in the tournament and, going entirely astray, allowing his young Belgian antagonist to finish brilliantly. We give the game below. Further, in the course of the morning's play Yates added a vital point to his score. Blake on the 20th move indulged in a Queen sacrifice, getting as compensation two minor pieces and three Pawns. Yates refuted this combination admirably, reducing the game to an ending, Queen and three Pawns against Knight and seven Pawns. He then picked up two Pawns, and Blake bowed to the inevitable. This concluded an exciting morning.

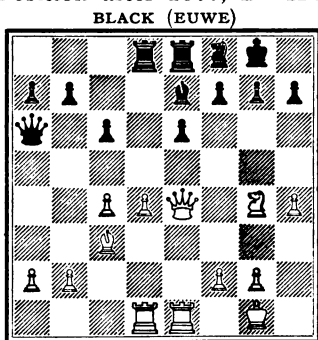
In the afternoon, Seitz and Michell, who had had a much sedater game than any of the foregoing, resumed at the 36th move, with material level. Unluckily, however, Michell made a slip not long after the adjournment, and the consequences were so serious that he suffered his third consecutive defeat.

GAME NO. 5,174.

Queen's Pawn.

| WHITE E. COLLE | BLACK M. EUWE |
|-------------------|------------------|
| 1 P—Q 4 | 1 P—Q 4 |
| 2 Kt—K B 3 | 2 Kt—K B 3 |
| 3 P—K 3 | 3 B—B 4 |
| 4 P—B 4 | 4 P—B 3 |
| 5 Kt—B 3 | 5 P—K 3 |
| 6 B—Q 3 | 6 B×B |
| 7 Q×B | 7 Q Kt—Q 2 |
| 8 Castles | 8 B—Q 3 |
| 9 P—K 4 | 9 P×K P |
| 10 Kt×P | 10 Kt×Kt |
| 11 Q×Kt | 11 Castles |
| 12 B—Kt 5 | 12 B—K 2 |
| 13 B—Q 2 | 13 R—K 1 |
| 14 B—B 3 | 14 Q—B 2 |
| 15 Q R—B 1 | 15 Q R—Q 1 |
| 16 R—K 1 | 16 Kt—B 1 |
| 17 P—K R 4 | 17 B—B 3 |
| 18 Kt—R 2 | 18 Q—Kt 3 |
| 19 Q R—Q 1 | 19 Q—R 3 |
| 20 Kt—Kt 4 | 20 B—K 2 |

Position after 20..., B—K 2.



| WHITE (COLLE) | BLACK (EUWE) |
|---------------|--------------|
| 21 P—Q 5 | 21 B P×P |
| 22 P×P | 22 P×P |
| 23 R×P | 23 B—Q 3 ? |
| 24 R—Kt 5 ! | |
| | 24 R×Q |
| 25 Kt—R 6 ch | 25 Resigns |

A move which Euwe confessed he had totally overlooked.

Leading scores : Euwe, 5½ ; Colle, Maroczy and Yates, 5 each ; Michell and Seitz, 4 each.

ROUND 8, January 3rd.

| | Opening. | Result. |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Mieses v. Maroczy | Sicilian | Maroczy won (38). |
| Seitz v. Colle | Sicilian | *Seitz won (51). |
| Euwe v. Yates | Ruy Lopez | Euwe won (36). |
| Blake v. Price | Vienna | *Blake won (69). |
| Norman v. Michell | Q.P. (Irregular Defence) .. | *Michell won (49). |

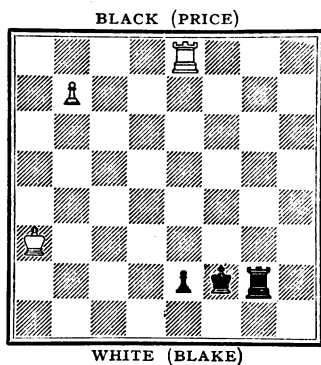
There was a more classical, and less "hyper-modern," note about the openings in this round. Norman v. Michell, however, was unusual : 1 P—Q 4, Kt—K B 3 ; 2 P—Q B 4, P—K 3 ; 3 Kt—Q B 3, B—Kt 5 ; 4 P—Q R 3, B×Kt ch ; 5 P×B, P—Q Kt 3 ; 6 P—B 3, B—Kt 2. Blake got his favourite P—B 5 in the Vienna. Euwe exchanged his King's Bishop for Queen's Knight on move 9 in the Lopez. Finally, the two Sicilians were widely different in form ; Mieses, for White, again playing P—Q 3 (not Q 4), and Colle, for Black, adopting the backward line of defence now fashionable on the Continent, with Pawns at K 3 and Q 3.

Mieses and Maroczy played at a fairly brisk pace, the Hungarian soon getting up an attack against the Castled King. Mieses gave up the Exchange for a Pawn, and momentarily looked like getting a counter-attack. But Maroczy penetrated among his opponent's

Queen-side Pawns, and, Mieses refusing a chance to exchange Queens, brought the game to a speedy conclusion. In the next game to finish, the death-blow was given to British hopes ; for Yates, after getting a promising position out of a cramped opening (on Steinitz Defence lines), had the better middle-game. Then, under his usual time-pressure, he made a bad slip and lost.

The other three games were adjourned. Of these Seitz *v.* Colle was the first to finish. Colle allowed his opponent to get a Pawn ahead, which he might have won back. When the Queens came off, this extra Pawn, "on sufferance," developed into a formidable menace, and Seitz won.

In Blake *v.* Price the latter seemed at least to have a chance of breaking his spell of ill-success. He gave up a piece for three Pawns ; but the game later came down to a level ending, which was very cleverly won by Blake. (See below.) Michell returned to his winning vein against Norman, after a very strenuous game of a congested type.



In Price *v.* Blake the position after White's 57th move was as shown in the diagram. The ending was : 57... R—Kt 6 ch ; 58 K—Kt 2, R—K 6 ; 59 R—B 8 ch, K—Kt 8 ; 60 R—Kt 8 ch, K—B 8 ; 61 R—K R 8, K—Kt 7 ; 62 P—Kt 8 (Q), P—K 8 (Q) ; 63 Q—R 7 ch, K—B 6 ; 64 R—B 8 ch, K—K 5 ; 65 Q—R 7 ch, K—Q 5 ; 66 Q—Q 7 ch, K—K 5 ; 67 Q—B 5 ch, K—Q 5 ; 68 R—Q 8 ch, K—B 5 ; 69 Q—Q 5 ch, Resigns. An end-game worthy of insertion in the books !

Leading scores : Euwe, 6½ ; Maroczy, 6 ; Colle, Michell, Seitz and Yates, 5 each ; Colle having to play Michell, and Seitz Yates in the concluding round, which could not have been a more exciting position if it had been stage-managed !

ROUND 9 (Final), January 4th.

| | | Opening. | Result. |
|-------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Colle <i>v.</i> Michell | .. .. | Queen's Gambit Declined | *Colle won (65). |
| Maroczy <i>c.</i> Blake | .. .. | Queen's Pawn | Maroczy won (34). |
| Price <i>v.</i> Euwe | .. .. | Q.P. (Tchigorin Defence) .. | Euwe won (21). |
| Yates <i>v.</i> Seitz | .. .. | Sicilian | *Yates won (49). |
| Norman <i>v.</i> Mieses | .. .. | Q.P. (Dutch Defence) .. | Mieses won (35). |

Price lasted through his first hour ; and that is all that can be said. (See game below.) This, of course, secured Euwe the first prize. Maroczy followed next with a beautiful win against Blake—though a draw would have sufficed to give him second prize. Norman against Mieses got an exceedingly strong game and played so strongly that he could have won a piece—instead of which, he went in for a combination

where Mieses got two Rooks, two Bishops and three Pawns against Queen, Rook and five Pawns. On adjournment-time Norman recognised that he had erred, and resigned.

The four candidates for the third prize resumed after lunch, Michell with a distinct positional superiority against Colle, and Yates with a Bishop against Seitz's Knight, other things being equal. Yates handled the ending far better than his opponent, got the Knight as against two Pawns, and won comfortably, making sure of at least a half-share of the third prize. His showing against the foreign masters is noteworthy, especially in view of the fact that he should not have lost against Euwe.

The only remaining game, which had a chance of affecting the third prize, was continued right up to 7 o'clock. Michell, for once in a way, was too venturesome, and lost a Pawn, under which disadvantage he came down to an ending with Rooks and Pawns. Whether he could have saved the game requires very close analysis. Anyhow, he did not; and Colle thus succeeded in dividing the third prize with Yates.

GAME No. 5,175.

Queen's Pawn.

| WHITE | | BLACK | | WHITE | | BLACK | |
|-------|----------|-------|----------|-------|----------|-------|---------|
| H. | E. PRICE | M. | EUWE | H. | E. PRICE | M. | EUWE |
| 1 | P—Q 4 | 1 | Kt—K B 3 | 12 | B—Q 3 | 12 | P—B 3 |
| 2 | P—Q B 4 | 2 | P—K Kt 3 | 13 | Q R—K 1 | 13 | B×Kt |
| 3 | Kt—Q B 3 | 3 | B—Kt 2 | 14 | R×B | 14 | Kt—Kt 5 |
| 4 | P—K 4 | 4 | P—Q 3 | 15 | Kt—K 2 | 15 | P—K B 4 |
| 5 | P—B 4 | 5 | Castles | 16 | B—Kt 3 | 16 | P×P |
| 6 | Kt—B 3 | 6 | B—Kt 5 | 17 | R×R ch | 17 | Kt×R |
| 7 | B—K 2 | 7 | Q Kt—Q 2 | 18 | Kt—B 1 | 18 | B×P ch |
| 8 | Castles | 8 | P—K 4 | 19 | K—R 1 | 19 | Kt—K 6 |
| 9 | B—K 3 | 9 | P×B P | 20 | Q—Q 2 | 20 | P×B |
| 10 | B×P | 10 | Q—K 2 | 21 | Resigns | | |
| 11 | Q—B 2 | 11 | Q R—K 1 | | | | |

The victory of the 22-year-old Euwe was by no means unexpected, and it was certainly well deserved. He played in convincing style throughout, with practically only one serious slip—that which cost him the game against Colle. Maroczy did not start too well, with only two points in the first four games; but he finished splendidly with five wins off the reel, and no doubt would have been better suited by a longer tournament. Yates once more demonstrated what a sterling fighter he is. Against the foreign masters, though he had Black four times, he only lost one game; and that he should not have lost. Colle is evidently much stronger than he has hitherto been considered, and played some really fine games. Seitz has also improved his reputation, and though not so free in style as Colle, can never again be looked on as unlikely to bring off a surprise. Michell started splendidly. There, as at Malvern in 1922, he unaccountably fell away—though it may be noted that of his early victories three were

against the tail-men. Possibly he is more affected by nerves than one would gather from his calmly impassive demeanour at the board. Nevertheless he produced some extremely fine chess. Blake and Mieses were both somewhat disappointing, most of all, no doubt, to themselves; but there is happily a lot more chess in them still! Norman showed the effect of recent very hard work in other directions and was obviously out of practice. Price's form was unaccountable. He, too, was out of practice, but he also played without spirit, and without the tenacity we have learnt to expect of him. Table:—

PREMIER TOURNAMENT.

| | I | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | T'l. | Prizes. |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---|---|---------------|---------------|---|----|-----------------|---------|
| 1 M. Euwe | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | 0 | I | I | I | I | I | I | 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ | I |
| 2 G. Maroczy | $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | I | I | I | I | I | 7 | II |
| 3 F. D. Yates | 0 | I | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | I | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | I | 6 | III |
| 4 E. Colle | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | I | 0 | 0 | I | I | I | 6 | |
| 5 R. P. Michell | 0 | 0 | I | 0 | — | 0 | I | I | I | I | 5 | |
| 6 A. Seitz | 0 | 0 | 0 | I | — | 0 | I | I | 0 | I | 5 | |
| 7 J. H. Blake | 0 | 0 | 0 | I | 0 | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | I | 3 | |
| 8 J. Mieses | 0 | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | I | I | 3 | |
| 9 G. M. Norman | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | — | I | 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 10 H. E. Price | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | — | 0 | 0 | |

The Major Tournament was robbed of most of its importance by the non-participation of any foreign players. On the face of it, at the start, it looked a "good thing" for Drewitt; but, with his secretarial duties to perform, he made no serious effort. In the second round he lost to Morrison on the time-limit. Morrison and Bolland met in Round 4, both unbeaten. Bolland won and so established a clear lead. In Round 5 he and Morrison both drew their games; but next round Bolland lost to the astonishing Lewcock, who had previously lost a dead-won game against Morrison and had also let Dunstan off. Morrison, therefore, winning against Littlejohn, came up level with Bolland again; and both won their next two games. In the 9th and final round Morrison beat Dunstan, while Bolland could only draw with Macalister. This settled the destination of the first two prizes. Drewitt, by beating his most dangerous rival, Watt, secured third prize. Table:—

MAJOR TOURNAMENT.

| | I | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | T'l. | Prizes. |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---|---------------|---------------|-----------------|---------|
| 1 J. H. Morrison | — | 0 | I | I | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | I | I | I | 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ | I |
| 2 Capt. P. D. Bolland | I | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | I | I | 0 | I | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 7 | II |
| 3 J. A. J. Drewitt | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | I | I | I | 0 | I | I | I | 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ | III |
| 4 J. A. Watt | 0 | 0 | 0 | — | I | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | 5 | |
| 5 W. J. Berryman | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | — | I | 0 | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 6 E. A. Lewcock | 0 | I | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | — | 0 | 0 | 0 | I | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 7 Dr. Dunstan | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | I | I | — | 0 | I | 0 | 3 | |
| 8 R. E. Lean | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | I | I | — | 0 | I | 3 | |
| 9 P. C. Littlejohn | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | 0 | I | — | 0 | 3 | |
| 10 J. Macalister | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | I | 0 | I | — | 3 | |

Played in the Major tournament, Round 4.

GAME No. 5,176.

King's Bishop's Opening.

| WHITE | | BLACK | | WHITE | | BLACK | |
|----------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| J. H. MORRISON | Capt. P. D. BOLLAND | J. H. MORRISON | Capt. P. D. BOLLAND | J. H. MORRISON | Capt. P. D. BOLLAND | J. H. MORRISON | Capt. P. D. BOLLAND |
| 1 P—K 4 | | 1 P—K 4 | | 27 P—B 5 | | 27 R—K 4 | |
| 2 B—B 4 | | 2 Kt—K B 3 | | 28 Q×P | | 28 R—Kt 4 | |
| 3 P—Q 4 | | 3 P×P | | 29 Q—R 5 | | 29 Q—B 4 ch | |
| 4 Kt—K B 3 | | 4 B—Kt 5 ch | | 30 Q—Q 4 | | 30 Q×Q ch | |
| 5 P—B 3 | | 5 P×P | | 31 R×Q | | 31 K R×B P | |
| 6 B×P ch | | 6 K×B | | 32 K R—Q 1 | | 32 K—K 3 | |
| 7 Q—Kt 3 | | 7 P—Q 4 | | 33 P—K Kt 4 | | 33 R—B 6 | |
| 8 Kt—Kt 5 ch | | 8 K—Kt 1 | | 34 K—Kt 2 | | 34 K R—K 6 | |
| 9 Q×B | | 9 Kt—B 3 | | 35 R—K B 1 | | 35 Q R—K 5 | |
| 10 Q×B P | | 10 P—K R 3 | | 36 R×R | | 36 R×R | |
| 11 P—K 5 | | 11 P×Kt | | 37 K—B 3 | | 37 K—K 4 | |
| 12 P×Kt | | 12 P×P | | 38 R—K Kt 1 | | 38 P—Q 5 | |
| 13 Castles | | 13 B—B 4 | | 39 P—K R 4 | | 39 R—K 6 ch | |
| 14 Kt—R 3 | | 14 K—B 2 | | 40 K—B 2 | | 40 R—K R 6 | |
| 15 Kt—Kt 5 | | 15 P—R 3 | | 41 P—Kt 5 | | 41 P×P | |
| 16 Kt—Q 4 | | 16 Kt×Kt | | 42 P×P | | 42 P—Q 6 | |
| 17 Q×Kt | | 17 Q—Q 3 | | 43 P—Kt 6 | | 43 R—R 1 | |
| 18 P—B 4 | | 18 P—B 4 | | 44 K—K 3 | | 44 K—B 3 | |
| 19 Q—B 3 | | 19 P—Kt 5 | | 45 P—Kt 3 | | 45 R—K Kt 1 | |
| 20 B—Q 2 | | 20 R—K R 2 | | 46 P×P | | 46 P×P | |
| 21 B—K 1 | | 21 P—Kt 4 | | 47 R—Kt 4 | | 47 R—K 1 ch | |
| 22 R—B 1 | | 22 P—Kt 5 | | 48 K—Q 2 | | 48 R—K 7 ch | |
| 23 Q—Q 4 | | 23 R—K 1 | | 49 K—B 1 | | 49 P—B 6 | |
| 24 R—Q 1 | | 24 B—Q 6 | | 50 R—Kt 1 | | 50 R×P | |
| 25 B—Kt 4 | | 25 Q×B | | 51 Resigns | | | |
| 26 R×B | | 26 R—R 4 | | | | | |

GAME No. 5,177.

Four Knights.

Played in Round 6 of the Major tournament.

| WHITE | | BLACK | | | |
|------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| J. A. J. DREWITT | W. J. BERRYMAN | J. A. J. DREWITT | W. J. BERRYMAN | J. A. J. DREWITT | W. J. BERRYMAN |
| 1 P—K 4 | | 1 P—K 4 | | 9 B—Q B 4 | 9 B×Kt |
| 2 Kt—K B 3 | | 2 Kt—Q B 3 | | 10 P×B | 10 P—Q 4 |
| 3 Kt—B 3 | | 3 Kt—B 3 | | 11 B—Kt 3 | 11 B—K 3 |
| 4 B—Kt 5 | | 4 B—Kt 5 | | 12 P—K B 4 | 12 P×P |
| 5 Castles | | 5 Castles | | 13 B×Kt | 13 P×B |
| 6 P—Q 3 | | 6 P—Q 3 | | 14 Q—R 5 | 14 K—R 1 |
| 7 B—Kt 5 | | 7 Kt—K 2 | | 14... Q—Q 3 is necessary. | |
| 8 Kt—K R 4 | | 8 P—B 3 | | 15 R×P | 15 R—K Kt 1 |
| | | | | 16 R×P | 16 B—Kt 5? |
| | | | | 17 Q—K 5 | 17 Resigns |

Played in the Major tournament, Round 8.

GAME No. 5,178.

Caro-Kann Defence.

| WHITE- | | BLACK | | WHITE | | BLACK | |
|----------------|--|------------|--|----------------|--|--------------|--|
| J. H. MORRISON | | J. A. WATT | | J. H. MORRISON | | J. A. WATT | |
| 1 P—K 4 | | 1 P—Q B 3 | | 17 K—K 2 | | 17 Q—B 2 | |
| 2 Kt—Q B 3 | | 2 P—Q 4 | | 18 P—B 3 | | 18 Kt—Kt 3 | |
| 3 Kt—B 3 | | 3 B—Kt 5 | | 19 P—B 5 | | 19 Kt—R 5 | |
| 4 P—Q 4 | | 4 P—K 3 | | 20 Q R—Q B 1 | | 20 Kt—B 3 | |
| 5 B—K 3 | | 5 B—Kt 5 | | 21 P×P | | 21 P×P | |
| 6 P—K 5 | | 6 Kt—Q 2 | | 22 K R—B 1 | | 22 Q—K 2 | |
| 7 P—Q R 3 | | 7 B—R 4 | | 23 Kt—Kt 6 | | 23 Kt×B P ch | |
| 8 P—R 3 | | 8 B—R 4 | | 24 K—K 1 | | 24 Q—Q 1 | |
| 9 P—K Kt 4 | | 9 B—K Kt 3 | | 25 Q—B 3 | | 25 K—Q 2 | |
| 10 B—Q 3 | | 10 Kt—K 2 | | 26 Q—B 7 ch | | 26 K—B 1 | |
| 11 Kt—R 4 | | 11 B×Kt ch | | 27 Kt×R | | 27 Q—R 5 ch | |
| 12 P×B | | 12 B×B | | 28 Q—B 2 | | 28 Kt×K P | |
| 13 Q×B | | 13 P—Q B 4 | | 29 P×Kt | | 29 R—K 5 ch | |
| 14 P—K B 4 | | 14 P×P | | 30 B—K 3 | | 30 R×B ch | |
| 15 P×P | | 15 R—Q B 1 | | 31 K—Q 7 | | 31 Resigns | |
| 16 B—Q 2 | | 16 R—B 5 | | | | | |

In the First Class, Section A, G. Wright, of York, went through the whole of the nine rounds without dropping even a half-point—though he ought to have lost to Meymott in Round 7. Miss Price won her first three games, and then adjourned one with Miss Menchik, which was not finally concluded until January 2nd, when after many vicissitudes it ended in a draw. Miss Price had meanwhile won two more games. She concluded with losses against Meymott and Wright; but her score of 6 was sufficient to gain her second prize, half a point ahead of Joyce, the third prize-winner. The complete final scores were: I, G. Wright, 9; II, Miss Price, 6; III, F. A. Joyce, $5\frac{1}{2}$; the Hon. F. G. Hamilton Russell and F. A. Riley, $4\frac{1}{2}$; S. P. Lees, 4; J. W. Danahay and Miss Menchik, $3\frac{1}{2}$; S. Meymott, 3; A. H. Reeve, $1\frac{1}{2}$.

Mention must be made in this section of the very promising play of Miss Menchik, a 17-year-old girl of Russo-English parentage, who has been in Hastings two years and is a pupil of Maroczy. She conducts her games with wonderful steadiness and may do well after the experience she has gained in this, her first big tournament. In the game with Miss Price, which was no doubt a nervous affair for both players, many chances were missed. The British woman champion had a clear win at one time. Later Miss Menchik should have won; but a draw was no doubt a fairly just result.

Played in Round 2 of First Class, Section A; a pretty victory for Miss Price.

GAME No. 5,179.

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| Miss PRICE | | F. A. JOYCE | | Miss PRICE | | F. A. JOYCE | |
| 1 | P—K 4 | 1 | P—Q 4 | 19 | Kt—K 4 | 19 | Kt×Kt |
| 2 | P×P | 2 | Q×P | 20 | B×Kt ch | 20 | R×B |
| 3 | Kt—Q B 3 | 3 | Q—Q R 4 | 21 | Q×Kt | 21 | R—Q 4 |
| 4 | P—Q 4 | 4 | Kt—K B 3 | 22 | P—R 4 | 22 | P—Kt 4 |
| 5 | B—Q B 4 | 5 | P—K 3 | 23 | B—K 5 | 23 | P—B 4 |
| 6 | Kt—K 2 | 6 | B—Q 3 | 24 | Q—B 2 | 24 | R—R 2 |
| 7 | B—Q 2 | 7 | P—B 3 | 25 | P×P | 25 | R×P |
| 8 | Kt—Kt 5 | 8 | Q—Q 1 | 26 | R×P | 26 | Q—B 2 |
| 9 | Kt×B ch | 9 | Q×Kt | 27 | P—Q B 4 | 27 | R—Kt 5 |
| 10 | P—Q B 3 | 10 | P—Q Kt 4 | 28 | P—Kt 3 | 28 | P—Kt 5 |
| 11 | B—B 4 | 11 | Q—K 2 | 29 | B—Q 6 | 29 | R—Kt 3 |
| 12 | B—Q Kt 3 | 12 | B—Kt 2 | 30 | B—B 5 | 30 | R—R 3 |
| 13 | Kt—Kt 3 | 13 | Q Kt—Q 2 | 31 | R×R | 31 | B×R |
| 14 | Castles | 14 | P—K R 4 | 32 | R—K 5 | 32 | R—R 4 |
| 15 | R—K 1 | 15 | P—Kt 3 | 33 | Q—K 2 | 33 | R—R 1 |
| 16 | Q—B 2 | 16 | P—R 5 | 34 | R—K 7 | 34 | Q—Kt 1 |
| 17 | B×P! | 17 | Castles Q R | 35 | Q—K 5 | 35 | Q—Q 1 |
| 18 | B—R 3 | 18 | Q—B 1 | 36 | B—R 7 | 36 | Resigns |

In First Class, Section B, young R. M. Norman, of Weston, nearly emulated Wright's record; but in the eighth round he lost half a point to Miss Abraham. King, with losses in the second and eighth rounds and a draw in the fifth, just won the second prize above Montague Jones, who lost in the third, fourth and ninth rounds, and had to be content with third prize. Final scores: I, R. M. Norman, 8½; II, W. H. King, 6½; III, Major E. M. Montague Jones, 6; Miss E. Abraham, 5½; Mrs. Michell, 5; Mrs. Sollas, 4½; A. D. Barlow, 4; Prof. R. W. Genese and W. G. Watson, 2; Capt. A. E. Dickson, 1 (retired after three games).

A good win by R. M. Norman in Round 6 of First Class, Section B.

GAME No. 5,180.

Queen's Pawn.

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| Prof. GESENE | | R. M. NORMAN | | Prof. GESENE | | R. M. NORMAN | |
| 1 | P—Q 4 | 1 | Kt—K B 3 | 4 | P—K 3 | 4 | P—Q 3 |
| 2 | Kt—K B 3 | 2 | P—K Kt 3 | 5 | B—Q 3 | 5 | Kt—B 3 |
| 3 | B—Kt 5 | 3 | B—Kt 2 | 6 | P—B 3 | 6 | Castles |

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| 7 Castles | 7 P—K 4 | 28 P—B 3 | 28 K—Kt 3 |
| 8 P×P | 8 P×P | 29 R—B 2 | 29 K—B 3 |
| 9 P—K 4 | 9 P—K R 3 | 30 K—R 2 | 30 B—B 1 |
| 10 B—R 4 | 10 K—R 2 | 31 P—Kt 3 | 31 Q—K 3 |
| 11 B—Kt 3 | 11 Q—K 2 | 32 Q—R 4 | 32 P—B 5 |
| 12 Q—B 2 | 12 Kt—K R 4 | 33 P—Kt 4 | 33 B—B 4 |
| 13 Q Kt—Q 2 | 13 P—K Kt 4 | 34 K—Kt 2 | 34 K—Kt 4 |
| 14 Q R—K 1 | 14 Kt—B 5 | 35 Kt—Kt 1 | 35 P—K R 4 |
| 15 B×Kt | 15 KtP×B | 36 Kt—R 3 | 36 P×P |
| 16 P—K R 3 | 16 B—K 3 | 37 R P×P | 37 R×K B P |
| 17 Kt—R 2 | 17 Q R—Q 1 | 38 Kt—R 2 | 38 R—Kt 6 ch |
| 18 Q Kt—B 3 | 18 B×Q R P | 39 K—B 1 | 39 R—Kt 8 ch |
| 19 P—Q Kt 3 | 19 B×P | 40 K—K 2 | 40 Q—Q 3 |
| 20 Q×B | 20 R×B | 41 Kt—B 3 ch | 41 K×P |
| 21 R—Q 1 | 21 R×R | 42 Kt×R | 42 Q—Q 6 ch |
| 22 R×R | 22 R—Q 1 | 43 K—K 1 | 43 Q—Kt 6 ch |
| 23 R—Kt 1 | 23 P—Kt 3 | 44 K—K 2 | 44 Q—Kt 7 ch |
| 24 Kt—B 1 | 24 Kt—R 4 | 45 K—Q 1 | 45 Q×Kt ch |
| 25 Q—R 2 | 25 P—Q B 4 | 46 K—K 2 | 46 Q—B 7 ch |
| 26 Kt(B3)—Q 2 | 26 R—Q 6 | 47 K—Q 1 | 47 Q—B 8 ch |
| 27 R—B 1 | 27 Q—Q 2 | 48 Resigns | |

It is mate next move.

In the Second Class, Smith, Glyde and Leffler won their first two rounds. After Round 4 Glyde was 4 to Smith's 3. Glyde kept ahead till Round 6, when he lost to Leffler. He then lost also to Covell, by a sad blunder, and Smith passed him, to win first prize. Final scores: I, E. H. Smith, $7\frac{1}{2}$; II, L. A. J. Glyde, 7; III, T. Moodie, 5; Miss Musgrave, $4\frac{1}{2}$; C. F. Covell, Miss Home and W. E. Leffler, 4; Miss Beddall, the Rev. J. G. Watson and J. M. Wechsler, 3.

A curiosity in Round 5 of the Second Class tournament.

GAME NO. 5,181.

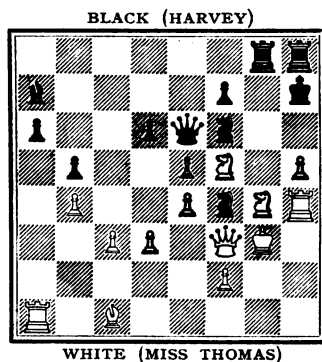
Scotch (Danish) Gambit.

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| Miss E. BEDDALL | W. E. LEFFLER | 7 Kt×P | 7 B—Kt 5 |
| 1 P—K 4 | 1 P—K 4 | 8 P—Q R 3 | 8 Kt—K 4 |
| 2 Kt—K B 3 | 2 Kt—Q B 3 | 9 Kt×Kt | 9 B×Q |
| 3 P—Q 4 | 3 P×P | 10 B×P ch | 10 K—K 2 |
| 4 P—B 3 | 4 P—K R 3? | 11 Kt—Q 5 ch mate | |
| 5 B—B 4 | 5 P×P | | |
| 6 Castles | 6 P—Q 3 | | |

A Blackburne trap, we believe, which Mr. Leffler says he knew forty years ago, but temporarily forgot!

In Third Class, Section A, McMullon and Owen left the rest behind, McMullon beating Owen, but losing to little Mortlock, who is only twelve. Final scores : I and II, Capt. McMullon and R. Owen, 7 ; III, A. Mortlock, $5\frac{1}{2}$; Miss Thomas, $3\frac{1}{2}$; Miss French Lucas and Miss Watson, 3 ; Mrs. Ayris and the Rev. W. Harvey, $2\frac{1}{2}$; J. E. L. Black, 2.

This position occurred in a game Miss Thomas *v.* the Rev. W. Harvey in the 3rd round of Third Class, Section A. It being Black's turn, he played 33 R—Kt 4, and the continuation was : 34 B×Kt, P×B ch ; 35 K×P, R×Kt (Kt 5) ch ; 36 R×R, Q—K 4 ch ; 37 K—Kt 5, R—Kt 1 ch ; 38 K—R 4, Q—R 7 ch ; 39 Q—R 3, R×R mate. A very pretty termination.



In Third Class, Section B, there was only one player in the hunt, Baumgartner, who drew with Shoesmith and Coleman, but won all his remaining games. Final scores : I, W. J. Baumgartner, 7 ; II and III, F. C. Hanson Powter and Councillor G. Shoesmith, $5\frac{1}{2}$; Dr. W. L. Hubbard, 5 ; J. E. Coleman, $4\frac{1}{2}$; Miss Jannings and Miss Jennings, 3 ; W. Harvey, $1\frac{1}{2}$; W. E. Freeman, 1.

In each section of the Third Class one entrant retired without playing a game.

In the evening tournament of eight competitors, the struggle from the start was between Stephenson and Dobell, the former winning first prize by half a point. Final scores : I, H. J. Stephenson 6 ; II, H. E. Dobell, $5\frac{1}{2}$; III, G. F. H. Packer, 4 ; G. E. James and E. J. Merrill, $3\frac{1}{2}$; H. W. Wickham Hore and A. Winsor, 2 ; R. H. Brown, $1\frac{1}{2}$.

Besides the regular tournaments there were two lightning tournaments held during the congress, the four prize-winners on the two occasions being :—

First : I, M. Euwe ; II, E. Colle ; III, J. Mieses ; IV, G. M. Norman.

Second : M. Euwe ; II, J. H. Blake ; III, G. M. Norman ; IV, J. Mieses.

At 8 p.m. on the concluding day, January 4th, the prize-giving ceremony took place in the Town Hall, the Mayor of Hastings presiding. In a brief speech His Worship spoke of the great interest with which he had watched the games many mornings, and then introduced Lady Margaret Hamilton Russell, who had kindly consented to present the prizes. The list of the winners having been

read out and their rewards having been distributed to them, Mr. Dobell proposed, and Mr. Burn seconded, a vote of thanks to Lady Margaret, which was carried amid very hearty applause. Lady Margaret made a short and felicitous response.

Councillor Shoesmith, for the town, and Mr. Stephenson, for the Sussex C.A., next proposed "The Press," to which Mr. Guest replied. Mr. Michell followed with a vote of thanks to the Hastings Chess Club, the tournament committee, and the ladies who looked after the refreshment-room. Capt. Bolland having seconded, Mr. Ackroyd replied, saying that he hoped to see all the visitors at Hastings again for the next annual congress. A vote of thanks to the Mayor, proposed by Mr. Kirkpatrick and seconded by Mr. Tinsley, was received by His Worship with much appreciation, and with an expression of his complete association with what had been said of both the Hastings C.C. and the Press.

An exhibition of simultaneous play by Maroczy followed immediately. Playing on 26 boards, the master won 19 games, drew 4, and lost only 3.

Thus concluded a highly successful congress—quite one of the pleasantest, we may venture to say, in the now not inconsiderable series of such affairs promoted by the chess enthusiasts, and their friends, in Hastings. Although each member of the promoting committee on this occasion disdains, for himself, any title to gratitude we cannot refrain from mentioning here their names: H. E. Dobell, T. R. Kirkpatrick, E. J. Ackroyd, J. A. J. Drewitt, H. W. Wickham Hore, G. M. Norman, E. A. Lewcock and H. J. Stephenson. Nor must we omit to allude to the generous support and kindly hospitality of the Mayor, who in himself played a great part in the success of the congress, and made competitors, pressmen and visitors alike realise that Hastings was happy to welcome them there.

Finally, we should like to note what foresight the Hastings Chess Club showed in the engagement of Geza Maroczy, now resident at the Albany Hotel and in daily attendance at the club for instruction, advice and play. The consequent improvement, especially among the younger generation of players, is most marked. No better mentor could have been chosen than Maroczy; for that, not Herr Maroczy, he tells us, is his proper designation—unless we prefer to call him, as a Hastings man, Mr. Maroczy.

P.W.S.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE GRÜNFELD DEFENCE.

DEAR SIR,—*B.C.M.*, January, page 3, line 6, "6 P—K4!"; this is certainly inferior to 6 P—K3 maintaining another guard to the Queen's Pawn, the Queen's Bishop having a good diagonal open from a 3.

Is this not so, and can you put + for Black after the next few moves? although he has not a bad game.

Yours faithfully,

27 KENDRICK ROAD, READING,

7th January, 1924.

P. LAWRENCE.

THE LONDON CHESS CONGRESS.

The holding of a congress in London, which at the annual meeting of the League, was suggested and received with acclamation, did not meet with the support, either financially or from entrants, that was foreshadowed by the enthusiasm then shown, and the ambitious programme had to be considerably modified. With three of the strongest London players competing at Hastings, it was felt that to hold a London championship would be absurd; the entrants for the Boys' championship met with greater success, and ten entrants, many of whom showed excellent promise for the future, showed that this item was at any rate a good move on the part of the League.

Two other tournaments were held, an open "A" and "B" tournament. There were two last-minute withdrawals from "A" reducing the number to 8, but "B" had its full complement of 10.

It was originally intended to hold the congress at the Regent Polytechnic, but under the modified scheme, the headquarters of the London Chess League, at St. Bride's Institute, made an excellent room for the congress, which was opened punctually at 10 a.m. on Monday, December 31st, by Major R. W. Barnett, M.P., the chairman of the B.C.F. Executive Council. In his speech he made reference to stronger players than himself being caught in well-known traps, and added that after neglecting a safety move in a game at Southsea last year, because he feared the pundits would criticise him adversely for Fabian tactics, the game resulting in a draw instead of a win, he wished to impress on the players the words which he had written in large letters in his Chess Recorder, "Safety first." The Vicar of St. Bride's, Rev. A. Taylor, said he was very pleased that their Institute was to be utilised for what he, though no great player himself, considered to be one of the finest games known.

Immediately afterwards the first round commenced. We have not the space to review the tournaments round by round, but taking the Boys' championship first, J. Allcock, of Cooper's School, the champion of the Secondary Schools of London, always appeared to have a wider knowledge of the game than any of the others, and it was early evident that he would be the eventual winner.

He came through the tournament with a clean score, and played much really good chess. We give here his game *v.* H. G. Excell.

GAME NO. 5,182.—*Queen's Pawn Opening.* White: H. G. EXCELL. Black: J. A. ALLCOCK.

1 P—Q 4, P—Q 4; 2 Kt—K B 3, Kt—K B 3; 3 P—K 3, P—K 3;
4 B—Q 3, Q Kt—Q 2; 5 Castles, B—Q 3; 6 Q Kt—Q 2, Castles;
7 P—Q Kt 3? (P—K 4!), P—K 4; 8 P×P, Kt×P; 9 Kt×Kt,
B×Kt; 10 R—Kt 1, P—B 3; 11 Kt—B 3, B—B 2; 12 B—Q 2,
B—Kt 5; 13 B—K 2, Q—Q 3; 14 P—Kt 3, Kt—K 5; 15 Kt—Q 4,
B—R 6; 16 R—K 1, Q—Kt 3; 17 B—B 1, B×B; 18 R×B,
P—K B 4; 19 K—R 1, R—B 3; 20 Kt—B 3, Q—R 3; 21 K—Kt 2,
R—Kt 3; 22 R—K 1, R—Kt 5; 23 B—K 1, Q|R—K B 1;

24 P—K R 3, R—Kt 3; 25 Q—Q 3, P—B 5; 26 P—K Kt 4, Q—R 4;
27 B—Q 2, R×P ch; 28 P×R, Q×P ch; 29 K—B 1, Q×Kt; 30 R—R 2, P×P; 31 Resigns.

[The fight for the other prizes was much closer, and was in doubt right up to the last round. All the boys came from the Secondary Schools, and it is to be hoped on another occasion boys from Westminster, Merchant Tailors, St. Paul's and University School will take part. They all seemed to have a good knowledge of the books, but confined most of their openings to the Queen's Pawn, and one was surprised to see the Duras attack, Maroczy attack, and the hyper-modern King's Fianchetto development played by these youngsters. At the same time we fear it was only book knowledge, for many went sadly wrong when the book was left behind. Husbands had the greatest knowledge of the openings generally, and is evidently a student of master games, and was frequently at the London tournament in 1922. He quoted a game between Bogoljuboff v. Sir G. A. Thomas played at Carlsbad in 1923, and therefore undoubtedly has the enthusiastic desire for study, which leads to improvement. The youngest competitor, Bruning, showed distinct promise for the future. Here is one of his games.

GAME NO. 5,183.—*Queen's Pawn Opening.* White: H. G. EXCELL. Black: C. F. BRUNING.

1 Kt—KB 3, P—Q 4; 2 P—Q 4, Kt—KB 3; 3 P—B 4, P—K 3; 4 B—Kt 5, P—B 4; 5 Kt—B 3, B—K 2; 6 P—K 3, Castles; 7 QP×P, B×P; 8 P×P, B—Kt 5; 9 R—B 1, P×P; 10 B×Kt, Q×B; 11 Kt—Q 4, B×Kt ch; 12 R×B, Kt—B 3; 13 B—Q 3, Kt×Kt; 14 P×Kt, R—K 1 ch; 15 B—K 2, Q—QR 3; 16 P—QR 3, B—Kt 5; 17 R—K 3, B×B; 18 R×B, Q—Kt 4; 19 K—B 1, QR—B 1; 20 P—B 3, R×R; 21 Q×R, R—B 8 ch; 22 K—B 2, Q×Q ch; 23 K×Q, R×R; 24 Resigns.

The following is the full score:—

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | T'l. |
|-------------------------------------|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----|-----------------|
| 1 I. Allcock, (Coopers' Co.) .. | — | I | I | I | I | I | I | I | I | I | 9. |
| 2 S. T. H. Goodwin (Dame Owen's) | o | — | o | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | I | I | I | I | I | 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 3 Max Black (Dame Owen's) .. | o | I | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | o | I | I | 6 |
| 4 P. G. Husbands (Regent St. Poly.) | o | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | o | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | 5 |
| 5 John B. Smith (Sir W. St. John) | o | o | o | I | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | o | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | I | 4 |
| 6 Hugh G. Excell | o | o | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | — | o | o | I | o | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 7 I. S. Lander | o | o | o | o | I | o | — | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 8 Philip E. Bowers | o | o | I | o | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | o | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | o | 3 |
| 9 I. Leibster | o | o | o | $\frac{1}{2}$ | o | o | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | — | I | 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 10 Clement Bruning (Ealing Priory) | o | o | o | o | o | I | o | $\frac{1}{2}$ | o | — | 2 |

J. Allcock, therefore, becomes London's first Boy champion, holds the trophy presented by the president to the London Chess League for the year; there were five prizes, taken by the boys in the order above.

In the "A" tournament the full score was as follows :—

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | T'l. |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---|---------------|-----------------|
| 1 L. Savage | — | o | I | I | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | I | 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 2 W. H. Watts | I | — | I | o | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | I | 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 3 R. C. Griffith | o | o | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 4 Mrs. S. J. Holloway | o | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | o | I | o | I | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 5 G. S. Wernick | o | o | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | — | o | I | I | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 6 E. J. Price | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | o | o | I | — | o | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 7 Dr. V. H. Rutherford | o | o | o | I | o | I | — | o | 2 |
| 8 Mrs. R. H. S. Stevenson | o | o | $\frac{1}{2}$ | o | o | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | — | 2 |

Savage was leading until the last round, but lost to Watts in the following game.

GAME NO. 5,184.—*Queen's Pawn Opening (Grünfeld Variation)*

White: W. H. WATTS. Black: L. SAVAGE.

1 P—Q 4, Kt—K B 3; 2 Kt—K B 3, P—K Kt 3; 3 P—Q B 4, B—Kt 2; 4 Kt—Q B 3, P—Q 3; 5 P—K 3, Q Kt—Q 2; 6 B—Q 3, P—K 4; 7 Q—B 2, P—Q B 3; 8 Castles, Castles; 9 P—Q Kt 3, R—K 1; 10 B—R 3, Kt—B 1; 11 P×P, P×P; 12 Q R—Q 1, K Kt—Q 2; 13 B—K 2, P—K B 4; 14 B—Q 6 (still better was P—K 4), P—K 5; 15 Kt—Q 4, Q—R 5; 16 P—B 5, Kt—K 4; 17 P—Kt 3, Q—B 3; 18 Kt—K 1, Kt—K 3; 19 R—Q 2, Kt×Kt; 20 R×Kt, B—K 3; 21 K R—Q 1, Q—Kt 4; 22 B×Kt, B×B; 23 R (Q 4)—Q 2, Q—B 3; 24 B—B 4, Q—B 2; 25 Kt—R 3, B—B 2; 26 Q—B 3, Q R—Q 1; 27 R×R, R×R; 28 R×R ch, B×R; 29 Q—K 5, B×B; 30 Kt×B, Q—Q 4; 31 Q×Q ch, P×Q; 32 Kt—Q 6, K—B 1; 33 Kt×P and wins.

Possibly Wernick missed a win in his game, but Savage kept his head in a very difficult position, and thoroughly deserved his position.

Watts made an oversight in his game *v.* Mrs. Holloway, but got a win *v.* Griffith through the latter, when two Pawns up, inadvertently touching the wrong Rook.

Griffith threw away at least two points, but the fact that just after starting he found that his partner was away ill may account for his lack of concentration.

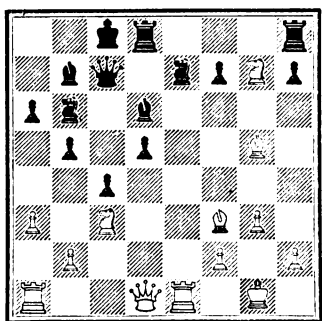
Mrs. Holloway played an excellent game against him and should have won. In her game *v.* Price, in a cramped position from the Grünfeld Defence to the Queen's Pawn she sacrificed a Knight for two Pawns, and succeeded in winning the end-game.

Wernick's play was uneven. E. J. Price played excellently at times, he planned a temporary Queen sacrifice *v.* Savage, which would have brought him a Pawn plus, but at the last moment played for safety, and took a safe draw.

Dr. Rutherford played well against Price and had an exciting game *v.* Griffith on the last day, which we give below, from White's 17th move, B—Kt 5. Black fearing B—B 6 in answer to K R—Kt 1,

and the consequent tying up of his pieces, resolved to sacrifice his Queen.

Position after 17 B—Kt 5.



17... B—K 4; 18 B—Kt 4 ch, K—Kt 1; 19 R×B, Q×R; 20 B—B 4, Q×B; 21 P×Q, P—Q 5; 22 Kt—R 2, K R—Kt 1; 23 Kt—R 4, P—B 4; 24 P—R 3, P×B; 25 P×P, Kt—B 4; 26 K—R 2, Kt—R 5; 27 Kt—B 6, Kt—B 6 ch; 28 K—Kt 3, R—Kt 3; 29 Kt×P, P—Q 6; 30 Kt—B 3, Kt—Q 5; 31 P—Kt 5, Kt—B 4 ch; 32 K—Kt 4, B—B 1; 33 K—R 5, R—Kt 2; 34 P—Kt 6, R—Q 3; 35 Q—K Kt 1, Kt—Q 2; 36 R—K 1, R×Kt ch; 37 P×R, R—R 3 ch; 38 K—Kt 5, Kt—B 1; 39 R—K 7?, R—Kt 6 ch and wins. Better was 39 P—R 8 (Q), R×Q; 40 K—B 6, but Black wins at least another piece.

Mrs. Stevenson defended a Ruy Lopez, the only one in "A" tournament, played by Wernick on the last day, and put up a capital fight, but just as she seemed to have overcome the difficulties of the defence, she rashly attacked with her Queen right into the enemy's camp and was unable to extricate her. She played a difficult game against Griffith with much ability.

The "B" tournament resulted as follows:—

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | T'l. |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---|---|---|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|----|-----------------|
| 1 Irving A. Keene | — | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 | 1 | 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 2 E. G. Attenborough | 0 | — | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 | 1 | 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 3 G. Costigan | 0 | 0 | — | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| 4 I. Vesselo | 1 | 0 | 0 | — | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| 5 A. C. Falkener | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | — | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| 6 F. M. Argrave | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | — | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 |
| 7 Mrs. Ewbank | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 | 1 | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 8 H. J. Ewart | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 | 3 |
| 9 W. H. Hipkiss | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | 0 | 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 10 Major I. D. Vaux | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | — | 1 |

Irving A. Keene was leading throughout but dropped half a point in the sixth round, and in the last round, when already certain of the first prize, he lost to Vesselo, who thereby tied with Costigan for the third prize.

On January 2nd a lightning tournament was held, in which the present British champion, Sir George A. Thomas, took part, but he was beaten by R. George, who had never taken part in a lightning tournament before. The prize winners were: L. Savage, R. George, E. J. Price and H. C. Griffiths, in the order named. The prizes were given by G. A. Felce, a vice-president of the League. There were twenty-four entrants.

On January 4th, V. Buerger, the Middlesex champion, and M. E. Goldstein, both of the Hampstead club, playing alternately, gave a simultaneous performance against 21 players, and won 12, drew 9 and lost 2 to H. Ford and R. Hammond. The last named, as also another competitor, played two games. Seeing that their opponents included E. J. Price, H. C. Griffiths and other strong players, this was a good performance. The London boy champion, J. A. Allcock, drew his game.

After the last round, the president of the London Chess League congratulated the boys on their play, but recommended them to study the King's side openings before they tackled the Queen's Pawn Opening, and also said that openings must not be studied at the expense of the endings. Mrs. Stevenson then presented the prizes, including the cup presented by the president, to the first Boy champion of London, J. A. Allcock, who holds it for a year. The last presentation, in recognition of the hard work so cheerfully undertaken by the hon. secretary, G. R. Hardcastle, met with great acclamation from all competitors, who thoroughly appreciated that the success of the congress had been largely due to him.

SCOTTISH CHESS ASSOCIATION CONGRESS.

The thirty-seventh annual congress was held at Lamb's Restaurant, 56 Reform Street, Dundee.

The withdrawal at the last moment of another ex-champion, in P. Wenman, from ill-health, left the championship tournament a very open matter. A very close fight ensued, as the appended score sheet will show; eventually C. B. Heath, of Dundee, who is well known as a frequent competitor in the B.C.F. congresses, secured the championship, the first prize of £10, and the Spens Memorial gold medal. For a long time he has shown himself to be a dour opponent, and that he is not to be put off by an attacking opponent is shown by his game v. Dr. R. C. Macdonald, who took the second prize.

GAME NO. 5,185.—*Ruy Lopez*. White: Dr. R. C. MACDONALD. Black: C. B. HEATH.

1 P—K 4, P—K 4; 2 Kt—K B 3, Kt—Q B 3; 3 B—Kt 5, B—B 4; 4 P—B 3, P—B 4; 5 Castles, P×P; 6 B×Kt, Q P×B; 7 Kt×P, Kt—B 3; 8 P—Q 4, P×P *e.p.*; 9 Kt×P, B—K 2; 10 R—K 1, Castles; 11 Q—Kt 3 ch, K—R 1; 12 Kt—K 5, Kt—Q 4; 13 P—Q B 4, Kt—B 3; 14 Kt—Q B 3 (P—Q B 5!), B—Q B 4; 15 B—K 3, B×B; 16 R×B, Kt—Kt 5; 17 Q R—Q 1 (Kt×Kt and doubling Rooks was safer), Q—R 5!; 18 Kt—Kt 6 ch, P×Kt; 19 R—R 3, Q×R; 20 P×Q, Kt×B P; 21 Q—R 3, Kt×P ch; 22 K—Kt 2, Kt—B 5 ch; 23 K—R 1, B—R 6; 24 Q—K 7? (Kt—K 2 would give drawing chances), Q R—K 1; 25 Q—R 4 ch K—Kt 1; 26 K—Kt 1, R—B 3; 27 Q—Kt 3, R—K 7; 28 K—R 1, B—Kt 7 ch; 29 K—Kt 1, Kt—R 6 ch; 30 Q×Kt, B×Q; 31 Kt×R, B—Kt 5; 32 R—Q 8 ch, K—B 2; 33 Kt—Kt 3, R—Q 3; 34 R×R, P×R and wins.

CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE.

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | T'l. |
|------------------------------------|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---|---|---|----------------|
| 1 C. B. Heath | — | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| 2 Dr. R. C. Macdonald | 0 | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| 3 H. J. M. Thoms | 1 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | $4\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 4 D. Simpson | 0 | 0 | 1 | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 | 1 | 1 | $4\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 5 C. Wardhaugh | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| 6 G. Page | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | — | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| 7 James Borthwick | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | — | 1 | 1 |
| 8 Lt.-Col. R. H. Macdonald | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | — | 0 |

It was appropriate that Heath should win in his own town, and his success was very popular. Dr. R. C. Macdonald (Inverness) showed he is still a force to be reckoned with, and he played with fine precision in many of his games. He took the second prize of £5, and the third and fourth prizes of £3 and £2 were shared by D. Simpson, of Edinburgh, and H. J. M. Thoms, of Dundee.

The contest for the Ladies' championship was won by Miss A. Heard, of Edinburgh, with 4 points. The new champion is a member of the Edinburgh Central C.C., and is a native of Edinburgh; Mrs. Forbes, Edinburgh, and Mrs. Brockett, Glasgow, divided second and third prizes, with a score of $2\frac{1}{2}$ each.

The Open tournament ended in a tie between two Dundee players, in H. Clare and E. G. Beckingham. The next congress will be held at Edinburgh.

WEST OF ENGLAND CHESS FESTIVAL.

The West of England Chess Festival to be held at Weston-super-Mare, Somersetshire, during the Easter holidays, under the auspices of the Weston club, shows the following attractive programme of tourneys and prizes, *viz.*:—1, Major Open Tourney, £12, £8, £4; 2, Minor Open Tourney, £10, £6, £3 10s.; 3, First Class Tourney, £8, £5, £3; 4, Second Class Tourney, —5, £3, £2; Third Class Tourney, £4, £2, £1. The competitors in each tourney will be divided into sections of ten, and prizes will be as above for each section. Other contests, including a lightning tourney, will be arranged, and a special prize of two guineas will be awarded the winner of the most brilliant game played during the festival. The hours of play are 9-30—1-30, 3—5 (for adjourned games), and 6—10 (on some days for adjourned games only). Play begins on the Saturday before Easter Monday, and lasts till the following Saturday morning. We understand that a friendly arrangement has been made with Kent county (which annually held a congress during Easter), whereby the two events will not take place in the same year. Each will therefore hold a congress every second year. The last Weston Festival, two years ago, was a great success.

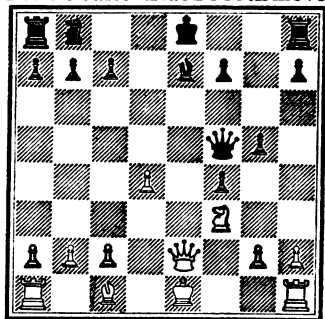
MORE ABOUT THE KING'S GAMBIT.

In the article to which we have already referred in *Kagan*, Spielmann gives his reason for not playing any of the branches of the King's Knight's Gambit, that reason being what may be called the "Abbazia Defence," as it came into prominence in the tournament played at that town in 1912.* That was nominally a Gambit Accepted tournament, but several of the players managed to evade the ordinary Gambits by 1 P—K 4, P—K 4; 2 P—K B 4, P×P, 3 Kt—K B 3, P—Q 4!; 4 P×P, Kt—K B 3!

Spielmann deals with the development of the variation in the games Rubinstein *v.* Kostich (The Hague, 1921) and *v.* Yates (Hastings, 1922). The continuation is: 5 Kt—B 3, Kt×P; 6 Kt×Kt (here Bardeleben recommended 6 B—B 4, B—K 3; 7 Q—K 2, B—K 2; 8 P—Q 4—but Spielmann gives 6..., Kt×Kt, followed by 7..., B—Q 3, and points to Black's four Pawns against two on the King's side), Q×Kt; 7 P—Q 4, B—K 2!; 8 B—Q 3, P—K Kt 4; 9 Q—K 2, B—K B 4!; 10 B×B, Q×B.

We give a diagram of the position here, where Rubinstein introduced his new move, 11 P—K Kt 4, a desperate attempt to counteract Black's menacing Pawn-formation. Now Kostich played 11..., Q—K 3, and after 12 Q×Q, P×Q; 13 P—K R 4, White succeeded in breaking up the Pawn-formation. Yates played the better move 11..., Q—Q 2 (Q×Kt P would, of course, be answered by 12 R—K Kt 1, with a good game for White), and the continuation was: 12 B—Q 2 (12 Kt×P is met by Kt—B 3; 13 P—B 3, Castles Q R), Kt—B 3; 13 Castles Q R, Castles Q R; 14 P—K R 4, P—B 3; 15 P—B 4.

Position after Black's 10th move



Spielmann does not carry the analysis beyond the 12th move, but remarks thereon that Rubinstein had nothing to boast about that Yates escaped with a draw. The whole game is given in our issue of October, 1922, p. 414, with notes by Sir George Thomas, who comments on the danger of Yates's 15th move Q×Kt P, when he had the safer 15..., Q R—K 1, threatening the White Queen and providing a safe retreat for the Knight if attacked by P—Q 5.

So now we have seen Spielmann's grounds for rejecting, for White, both forms of the King's Gambit Declined (the Falkbeer and the 2..., B—B 4 variation) and the King's Knight's Gambit. Only the King's Bishop's Gambit is left, and this he condemns on the strength of his three games *v.* Grünfeld and Bogoljuboff at Carlsbad and *v.* the latter at Mährisch-Ostrau.

Therefore the whole King's Gambit is "*krank, schwerkrank!*" Will any Doctor step in to find a cure?

* The move 3..., P—Q 4 is, of course, much older. There is a game Thorold *v.* Fedden, *Cook's Compendium*, p. 177, in which it occurs; but the continuation is quite different.

NEWS FROM THE BRITISH ISLES.

A match in the six counties' competition was played on December 14th, at St. Bride's Institute, with the following result.

| ESSEX. | | | | | KENT. | | | | |
|--------|-------------------|----|----|---------------|----------------------|----|----|----|---------------|
| 1 | W. O. Woodfield | .. | .. | *1 | O. C. Muller | .. | .. | .. | *0 |
| 2 | F. Nettleton | .. | .. | 0 | J. C. Waterman | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| 3 | F. W. Osler | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | C. E. Hammond | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 4 | E. J. Price | .. | .. | 1 | B. W. Hamilton | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 5 | G. Freeman | .. | .. | 1 | Major Barnett | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 6 | E. G. Twitchett | .. | .. | 1 | J. Sargent | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 7 | G. J. Hayes | .. | .. | 0 | G. Hansen | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| 8 | E. J. Randall | .. | .. | 1 | A. N. Other (absent) | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 9 | F. J. Whitmarsh | .. | .. | 0 | P. F. J. Barrett | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| 10 | C. A. Thorogood | .. | .. | 1 | R. C. Noel-Johnson | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 11 | K. H. Michell | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | R. H. S. Stevenson | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 12 | Aylmer Maude | .. | .. | 1 | Mrs. Stevenson | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 13 | F. A. Sisley | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | L. P. Lees | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 14 | G. W. Turpie | .. | .. | 1 | W. H. Law | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 15 | T. H. George | .. | .. | 1 | T. G. Griggs | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 16 | R. H. Bayley | .. | .. | 1 | E. S. Tinsley | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 17 | Rev. G. H. Manbey | .. | .. | 0 | C. H. Taylor | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| 18 | W. H. Taylor | .. | .. | 0 | E. Harrod | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| 19 | E. J. Gibbs | .. | .. | 0 | F. J. Dennis | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| 20 | W. G. Elsmore | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | J. W. G. Jamieson | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| 12 | | | | | 8 | | | | |

Another match in the same section was played at St. Bride's Institute, Fleet Street, the headquarters of the London Chess League, on January 12th, when Middlesex defeated Sussex after a hard struggle. Sussex had a strong side on this occasion, having memories of a bad defeat at Tunbridge Wells last season, and had the match been on twelve boards only, would have won the match. Surrey and Middlesex meet on the 23rd of this month, and the winner will qualify to play Kent.

| MIDDLESEX. | | | | | SUSSEX. | | | | |
|------------|------------------------|----|----|---------------|-------------------|----|----|----|---------------|
| 1 | V. Buerger (Black) | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | G. M. Norman | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 2 | B. E. Sieghem | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | G. Maroczy | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 3 | E. G. Sergeant | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | J. A. J. Drewitt | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 4 | H. Saunders | .. | .. | 1 | Rev. E. Griffiths | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 5 | R. A. Walker (reserve) | .. | .. | 0 | E. J. Ackroyd | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| 6 | W. H. Regan | .. | .. | 1 | A. Emery | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 7 | W. E. Bonwick | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | G. F. H. Packer | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 8 | P. W. Sergeant | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | Dr. R. Dunstan | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 9 | R. C. Griffiths | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | H. E. Dobell | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 10 | W. H. Watts | .. | .. | 0 | J. H. Jones | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| 11 | M. E. Goldstein | .. | .. | 0 | J. A. Watt | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| 12 | P. Healey | .. | .. | 0 | G. V. Butler | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| 13 | Dr. F. S. Duncan | .. | .. | 1 | R. E. Lean | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 14 | H. V. Buttfield | .. | .. | 1 | W. Bridger | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 15 | F. Dark | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | W. H. Whicher | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 16 | F. W. Boff | .. | .. | 1 | E. A. Lewcock | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 17 | J. W. Morling | .. | .. | 1 | W. H. King | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 18 | H. S. Barnes | .. | .. | 1 | J. Chandler | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 19 | W. Jones | .. | .. | 0 | Dr. W. M. Varley | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 | | | | | 8 | | | | |

* Adjudicated.

On the same day Berkshire played Kent in another section of the S.C.C.U. at Reading, with the following result.

| KENT. | | | | | | BERKS. | | | | | |
|-------|--------------------|----|----|----|---------------|--------------------|----|----|----|----|---------------|
| 1 | O. C. Muller | .. | .. | .. | 0 | F. W. Neale | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| 2 | E. Creswell | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | P. Lawrence | .. | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 3 | N. B. Holmes | .. | .. | .. | 1 | W. P. C. Stuchbery | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 4 | W. B. Dixon | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | J. H. Van Meurs | .. | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 5 | C. H. Lorch | .. | .. | .. | 1 | L. A. Rumble | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 6 | W. M. Brooke | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | E. J. Brooks | .. | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 7 | G. Hanson | .. | .. | .. | 1 | G. H. Caws | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 8 | C. F. Clarke | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | E. R. Farmer | .. | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 9 | S. G. Howell-Smith | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | H. Lyford | .. | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 10 | J. Sargent | .. | .. | .. | 1 | R. G. Gray | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 11 | E. A. Coad-Pryor | .. | .. | .. | 1 | B. Hamilton | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 12 | C. Wickham Perry | .. | .. | .. | 0 | G. H. Kingham | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| 13 | S. P. Lees | .. | .. | .. | 0 | S. F. Pierson | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| 14 | F. Dennis | .. | .. | .. | 1 | W. Innes | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 15 | C. H. Taylor | .. | .. | .. | 1 | Col. Boger | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 16 | C. E. Woolmer | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | E. Wicks | .. | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 | | | | | | 6 | | | | | |

On January 5th, a match in the S.C.C.U. and six counties' championship was played at St. Bride's Institute.

The scores were :—

| BERKSHIRE. | | | | | BEDFORDSHIRE. | | | | |
|------------|--------------------------|----|--|--|------------------------|----|--|--|--|
| 1 | F. W. Neale | *0 | | | Major Duhan | *0 | | | |
| 2 | P. Lawrence | 1 | | | F. Dickens | 0 | | | |
| 3 | J. H. Van Meurs | 1 | | | R. H. Rushton | 0 | | | |
| 4 | L. A. Rumble | 1 | | | W. Currant | 0 | | | |
| 5 | E. J. Brooks | 1 | | | H. S. Wallace | 0 | | | |
| 6 | E. R. Farmer | 0 | | | C. Lotan | 1 | | | |
| 7 | G. M. Arrowsmith | 1 | | | L. H. Knight | 0 | | | |
| 8 | H. Runham | 0 | | | S. W. Dickens | 1 | | | |
| 9 | H. Ford | 0 | | | J. W. Thorburn | 1 | | | |
| 10 | Mrs. Houlding | 1 | | | J. T. Needham | 0 | | | |
| 11 | B. Hamilton | 1 | | | F. W. Ellis | 0 | | | |
| 12 | G. H. Kingham | 1 | | | A. B. Oliver | 0 | | | |
| 13 | W. Innes | 1 | | | H. Geere | 0 | | | |
| 14 | I. A. Latter | 1 | | | A. W. Harden | 0 | | | |
| 15 | A. H. Salmon | 1 | | | E. Howe | 0 | | | |
| 16 | A. Hamilton | 1 | | | G. W. Collins | 0 | | | |
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| 12 | | | | | 3 | | | | |

* For adjudication.

The four unfinished games in the S.C.C.U. match, played at St. Bride's Institute in December, have now been adjudicated, with the result that Hertfordshire get 3 out of the 4 points at issue, and win the match by 10 to 6. This is Hertfordshire's first victory since the County rejoined the Southern Counties Union ten years ago.

Score :—

| HERTS. | | | | | BERKS. | | | | |
|--------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--|--|----------------------------|-----------------|--|--|--|
| 1 | Sir E. T. A. Wigram | *1 | | | F. W. Neale | *0 | | | |
| 2 | T. A. Staynes | $\frac{1}{2}$ | | | P. J. Lawrence | $\frac{1}{2}$ | | | |
| 3 | Jos. Burgers | 1 | | | W. O. C. Stuchbery | 0 | | | |
| 4 | G. T. Womack | * $\frac{1}{2}$ | | | L. A. Rumble | * $\frac{1}{2}$ | | | |
| 5 | Major E. M. Jones | 0 | | | J. H. Van Meurs | 1 | | | |
| 6 | Hatton Ward | 0 | | | E. J. Brooks | 1 | | | |
| 7 | C. T. Price | * $\frac{1}{2}$ | | | E. R. Farmer | * $\frac{1}{2}$ | | | |
| 8 | H. E. Tudor | $\frac{1}{2}$ | | | G. M. Arrowsmith | $\frac{1}{2}$ | | | |
| 9 | G. P. A. Richards | 1 | | | H. Runham | 0 | | | |
| 10 | J. V. Jacklin | $\frac{1}{2}$ | | | B. Hamilton | $\frac{1}{2}$ | | | |
| 11 | C. K. Trotter | $\frac{1}{2}$ | | | C. E. Flower | $\frac{1}{2}$ | | | |
| 12 | C. H. Rickword | 1 | | | A. J. Latter | 0 | | | |
| 13 | G. H. Abbott | $\frac{1}{2}$ | | | G. H. Kingham | $\frac{1}{2}$ | | | |
| 14 | E. G. Attenborough | $\frac{1}{2}$ | | | Col. Boger | $\frac{1}{2}$ | | | |
| 15 | R. E. Webb | 1 | | | S. G. Chamberlain | 0 | | | |
| 16 | H. Jacobsen | *1 | | | C. G. Greenfield | *0 | | | |
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| 10 | | | | | 6 | | | | |

* Adjudicated.

On January 5th, Liverpool met Manchester at the rooms of the Manchester Chess Club. The first match was played during the Crimean war, and fifty-four have been played since, of which Liverpool have won 24, Manchester 19, and 12 matches have been drawn. In 1859 and 1860, two matches were played by telegraph in addition, the first won by Liverpool, the second by Manchester. In 1856 a game by telegraph was drawn. In 1886 two games were played by telephone, one was drawn, the other won by Liverpool. In 1922 a match for the championship of Lancashire was played at Liverpool between the two towns and won by Liverpool.

The match under notice was a close one, and many exciting positions occurred, but there were some rather wild play, though the luck was more or less equally distributed. The complete score is as follows :—

| MANCHESTER. | | | | | LIVERPOOL. | | | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|----|----|---------------|------------------|----|----|----|---------------|
| 1 | W. A. Fairhurst | .. | .. | 1 | Dr. Holmes | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 2 | T. Kelly | .. | .. | 0 | E. Spencer | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| 3 | Arthur Eva | .. | .. | 1 | P. R. England | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 4 | W. Phillips | .. | .. | 0 | J. Lewis | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| 5 | C. F. Burslem | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | C. Y. C. Dawbarn | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 6 | A. Waterhouse | .. | .. | 0 | A. R. B. Thomas | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| 7 | A. D. Shubsachs | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | P. F. Blake | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 8 | Alfred Eva | .. | .. | 1 | Rev. H. Peach | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 9 | Dr. Edge | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | W. R. Thomas | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 10 | J. Kay | .. | .. | 1 | H. Kearne | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| <hr/> | | | | | <hr/> | | | | |
| 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ | | | | | 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ | | | | |

Imperial v. Lensbury Chess Clubs, played at 116 Finsbury Circus, on Tuesday, January 8th.

| IMPERIAL. | | | | | LENSBURY. | | | | |
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| 1 | R. H. S. Stevenson | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | F. J. Whitmarsh | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 2 | C. Wreford-Brown | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | G. F. Hawkins | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 3 | W. C. Sandford | .. | .. | 1 | W. Screeton | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 4 | H. E. Tudor | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | F. P. Dangerfield | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 5 | Miss Finn | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | R. D. Hunt | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 6 | A. Gutschow | .. | .. | 1 | N. J. Skeet | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 7 | J. F. Chance | .. | .. | 0 | M. Stern | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| 8 | J. Frankland | .. | .. | 1 | G. E. Startup | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 9 | E. S. Curwen | .. | .. | 1 | H. D. Callender | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 10 | Miss Cotton | .. | .. | 1 | H. A. Kitchen | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 11 | Miss Hooke | .. | .. | 1 | A. E. Potter | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 12 | Mrs. Stevenson | .. | .. | 0 | J. A. Mills | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| 13 | W. Imboden | .. | .. | 1 | H. Landsell | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 14 | A. N. Streatfeild | .. | .. | 1 | W. S. Stoney | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 15 | Mrs. Latham | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | M. I. Stern | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 16 | Admiral Waistell | .. | .. | 1 | L. J. Tanner | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 17 | Miss Andrews | .. | .. | 1 | S. Baker | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 18 | Mrs. Wheelwright | .. | .. | 1 | L. S. Cazaly | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 19 | Mrs. Chase | .. | .. | 0 | L. K. Jones | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| 20 | F. J. Robinson | .. | .. | 0 | H. Cotton | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| 21 | A. Applestone | .. | .. | 0 | C. A. Cazaly | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
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| 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ | | | | | 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ | | | | |

The first match of the N.C.C.U. championship this season was played at the Gambit Cafe, Leeds, between Yorkshire and Cheshire. The home side scored $5\frac{1}{2}$ to $4\frac{1}{2}$, and there are five games for adjudication. It is expected that the result of these will assure a win for Yorkshire, but we will not give the full score until the result is known.

On Saturday, January 5th, Surrey met Essex at the Central Hall, Westminster, in a friendly 50 a-side match which was won by Surrey by $26\frac{1}{2}$ to $23\frac{1}{2}$, the score on the first 25 boards was level.

In the Birmingham and District League King's Norton lead in Division I with 6 wins and 1 draw. Erdington are the leaders in Division II with 5 out of 7, and Birmingham in Division III with $5\frac{1}{2}$ out of 6.

The Imperial Chess Club reopened on January 10th at their new quarters, 62 Brook Street, opposite Claridge's Hotel, with a good attendance and all the members expressed their satisfaction with the arrangements made for their comfort.

In the semi-final round of the Moyle Cup Exeter defeated Teignmouth and Shaldon by 4 to 2 at Teignmouth on January 12th.

City of London C.C.—The latest scores to hand in the championship tourney are: J. P. Savage, $7\frac{1}{2}$ points (8); Sir G. A. Thomas, $5\frac{1}{2}$ (9); H. Saunders, $5\frac{1}{2}$ (11); E. G. Sergeant, 5 (7); J. H. Blake and R. P. Michell, 5 (8); R. C. J. Walker, $4\frac{1}{2}$ (8); E. Macdonald and P. W. Sergeant, $4\frac{1}{2}$ (9); E. E. Middleton, 4 (8); F. F. L. Alexander, $3\frac{1}{2}$ (7); H. Jacobs, $3\frac{1}{2}$ (11); J. M. Bee, 3 (7); H. S. Barlow, 3 (8); E. T. Jesty, 2 (9); W. Gooding, 1 (7). The figures in brackets denote the number of games played by each competitor.

The competition under the "A" Section of the London Chess League is now in a very interesting state. The Metropolitan Chess Club are $5\frac{1}{2}$ out of 6 but have yet most of the strong clubs to play. Hampstead are 6 (7) having lost to the Athenaeum. Brixton are $6\frac{1}{2}$ (8), having lost to Hampstead and drawn with West London. North London are $3\frac{1}{2}$ (5) and Battersea 4 (6).

F. D. Yates played 23 games simultaneously at the Hampstead Chess Club on January 12th, and made the fine score of 21—drawing with A. S. Fish and L. James, and losing one to E. M. Jollie.

At the Royal Automobile Club on January 14th, he won 19 and drew one with Hon. F. G. Hamilton-Russell.

MATCHES IN BRIEF.

| <i>Date.</i> | <i>Home Side.</i> | <i>Visitors.</i> | <i>H.S.</i> | <i>V.</i> | <i>Occasion.</i> |
|--------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------|-----------|--------------------------|
| Dec. 1— | Hertfordshire | Berkshire | 10 | 6 | 6 C.C. |
| " 1— | Brighton | Hastings | 7½ | 8½ | <i>friendly</i> |
| " 1— | Hull | Sheffield | 4½ | 5½ | E.W.C. |
| " 8— | Tavistock | Plymouth | 0 | 6 | Moyle Cup |
| " 10— | Battleaxe | Battersea II | 0 | 8 | L.C.L.A. |
| " 11— | West London | North London | 8½ | 11½ | L.C.L.A. |
| " 12— | Exmouth | Teignmouth | 1½ | 4½ | Moyle Cup |
| " 13— | Bohemians | Brixton | 6 | 14 | L.C.L.A. |
| " 14— | Essex | Kent | 12 | 8 | 6 C.C. |
| " 15— | Sussex | Surrey | 7½ | 8½ | S.C.C.U.C. |
| " 15— | Leeds | Huddersfield | 4½ | 5½ | E.W.C. |
| " 17— | Woolwich Arsenal | Lee | 4½ | 1½ | Lewes Cup |
| " 18— | Bohemians | Polytechnic | 6 | 4 | G.L.I. |
| " 18— | Nat. Lib. Club | Reform Club | 5½ | ½ | H.-R. C. |
| " 19— | Glasgow | Glasgow Central | 5½ | 4½ | G.L.I. |
| " 19— | St. Mary's | Lee | 2½ | 5½ | Kent Cup |
| " 19— | North London | Brixton | 7½ | 10½ | L.C.L.A. |
| " 19— | Ilford | Battleaxe | 7 | 1 | L.C.L.C. |
| " 20— | North London II | Battersea II | 1 | 7 | L.C.L.C. |
| Jan. 5— | Falkirk | Glasgow Tr'v'll'g | 6 | 6 | <i>friendly</i> |
| " 5— | Berkshire | Bedfordshire | 12 | 3* | S.C.C.U.C. and |
| " 5— | Manchester | Liverpool | 5½ | 4½ | <i>friendly</i> (6 C.C.) |
| " 5— | Croydon & District | Rest of Surrey | 41 | 59 | <i>friendly</i> |
| " 8— | I.S. | S.E.P.O. | 5 | 3 | Postal L. |
| " 8— | Lensbury | Imperial | 7½ | 13½ | <i>friendly</i> |
| " 9— | W.D.O. | E.C. and F.S. | 4 | 4 | Postal L. |
| " 9— | Glasgow | Bohemian | 6½ | 3½ | G.L.I. |
| " 10— | Athenaeum | Brixton | 6½ | 13½ | L.C.L.A. |
| " 10— | Ealing | Postal C.C. | 7½ | ½ | Middlesex C.C. |
| " 10— | Jun. Const. Club | Nat. Lib. Club | 0 | 6 | H.-R. C. |
| " 11— | Metropolitan | Islington | 14½ | 5½ | L.C.L.A. |
| " 12— | Ladies | Nat. Lib. Club | 7 | 5 | <i>friendly</i> |
| " 12— | Berkshire | Kent | 6 | 10 | S.C.C.U.C. |
| " 12— | Bradford | Huddersfield | 4½ | 4½* | E.W.C. |
| " 12— | Middlesex | Sussex | 11 | 8 | S.C.C.U.C. |
| " 12— | Surrey | Essex | 26½ | 23½ | <i>friendly</i> |
| " 12— | Leeds | Hull | 3½ | 3½*** | E.W.C. |
| " 12— | Paisley | Gourock | 5 | 2 | Spens Cup |
| " 12— | Motherwell | Edinburgh C.S. | 4½ | 2½ | Spens Cup |
| " 12— | Edinburgh Ladies | Perth | 4 | 3 | Spens Cup |
| " 12— | Teignmouth | Exeter | 2 | 4 | Moyle Cup |
| " 12— | Glasgow | Central | 5½ | 4½ | G.L.I. |
| " 15— | S.W.D.O. | S.E.D.O. | 6 | 2 | Postal L. |
| " 15— | Hampstead | Wood Green | 12½ | 7½ | L.C.K.A. |
| " 16— | Lewisham | Lee | 14½ | 5½ | L.C.L.A. |
| " 16— | Polytechnic | Queen's Park | 5½ | 4½ | G.L.I. |
| " 17— | Athenaeum | Battersea | 9 | 9** | L.C.L.A. |
| " 17— | Bohemians | Ludeagle | 8 | 12 | L.C.L.A. |
| " 19— | Yorkshire | Cheshire | 5½ | 4½† | N.C.U.C. |
| " 19— | Bradford II | Leeds II | 4 | 5* | I.M.B. Shield |
| " 19— | Huddersfield II | Sheffield II | 7 | 3 | I.M.B. Shield |
| " 19— | Cambridge Univ. | Insurance | 8½ | 4½ | <i>friendly</i> |
| " 21— | Royal Mint | Imperial | 5 | 7 | <i>friendly</i> |
| " 21— | Jun. Const. Club | Savile Club | 4 | 2 | H.-R.C. |
| " 23— | R.A.C. | Nat. Lib. Club | 1½ | 2½** | H.-R.C. |
| " 23— | Brixton | Hampstead | 5½ | 14½ | L.C.L.A. |

† 5 for adjudication.

NEWS FROM THE DOMINIONS AND FOREIGN LANDS.

South Africa.—The last championship of the Cape Town C.C. came to a very unsatisfactory conclusion, A. J. A. Cameron forfeiting his last five games through non-attendance on the nights of play, and H. Meihuizen retiring before completing his games. P. G. van Breda won the championship with a score of $8\frac{1}{2}$ points (2 by default) out of 12 possible.

Canada.—Alekhine's total record for simultaneous play in Canada was :—

Montreal, Nov. 22nd.—Played 37, won 27, drawn 5, lost 5.

Quebec, Nov. 24th.—Played 26 (2 blindfold), all won.

Three Rivers, Nov. 25th.—Played 24, all won.

Montreal, Nov. 26th.—Played 27, won 25, drawn 2.

Montreal, Nov. 29th.—Played 19, won 18 drawn 1.

Montreal, Dec. 1st.—Played 21 (all blindfold), won 12, drawn 5, lost 4.

India.—We see that *The Madras Mail* continues to conduct chess games through its columns (at the rate of a move a day), the latest being two match games between Madras and Bangalore.

United States.—Alekhine made his *début* at the Manhattan C.C. on December 12th, taking on 33 opponents simultaneously and conceding to them the privilege of naming the openings which they wished him to play against them. In 5 hours 50 minutes he won 22 games, drew 9, and lost 2 (to H. Kabatsky and F. Worden). Since then he has been engaged in numerous simultaneous, blindfold and consultation exhibitions.

O. Chajes has won, not for the first time, the championship of the Manhattan C.C., scoring $8\frac{1}{2}$ points in 11 games, though the opposition included such strong players as Kupchik (who beat Chajes in their individual encounter), Janowski, O. Frink (of Columbia University), and Tenner.

Marshall won the double-round Evans Gambit (Lasker Defence) tournament of six players at the Marshall C.C., with a score of $8\frac{1}{2}$ — $1\frac{1}{2}$. Smirka, who alone beat him once, and Santasiere, who drew a game with him, tied for second and third places with $6\frac{1}{2}$ points each.

Italy.—An international master tournament is announced to begin at Meran, Alto Adige, on February 1st. The entries include Rubinstein, Spielmann, Tarrasch, Bogoljuboff, Grünfeld, Selesnieff, Vukovitch, Colle, Koltanovsky, Miliani, Roselli del Turco, and probably Yates. There will be a *Hauptturnier* and other tournaments, also of an international character.

The management of the congress is in the hands of Dr. A. Seitz.

Belgium.—On November 18th and 25th the annual match between Brussels and Antwerp was played, Brussels, as the result of the two encounters, scoring $13\frac{1}{2}$ — $6\frac{1}{2}$; but Sapira, on the top board for the losing team, won two victories over Nebel.

Germany.—The championship of the Berlin Chess League has been won by W. Koch (of the "Springer" C.C.), with a score of 9 points in 11 games. He was to take part in the larger event, the championship of Berlin, beginning in mid-January.

Austria.—In the Schlechter memorial tournament, Vienna, the first prize was won by Dr. S. Tartakover, with 9 points. The other prize-winners were: Reti, $8\frac{1}{2}$; Spielmann, $8\frac{1}{2}$; and Grünfeld and A. Steiner, each $7\frac{1}{2}$. Becker, $6\frac{1}{2}$; Opocensky, 6; Takacs, 5; Fischer and Wolf, 3; Patay, 2; and Dr. Gruber, $1\frac{1}{2}$, completed the list.

Czecho-Slovakia.—The eighth national congress, played at Pardubitz, last August saw the first prize in the master tournament carried off by M. Walter, of Pressburg, with a score of 8 out of 11, followed by A. Pokorny and K. Vanek, both of Brünn, with $7\frac{1}{2}$ and 7 points respectively.

Sweden.—In the first five exhibitions of his Swedish tour, Dr. Lasker played 142 games, winning 127, drawing 11, and lost 4. Two of the lost games were at the strongest Swedish chess-centre, Göteborg, where in November Allan Nilsson and K. Berndtsson both gave simultaneous exhibitions, the former winning 18, drawing 1, and losing 7, and the latter winning 21, drawing 2, and losing 3.

Argentina.—In the match to which he was challenged for the championship of Rio, Dr. Souza Mendes (who was a competitor in the Margate congress last year) beat L. Vianna 5—0. He was immediately challenged by J. Schriebmann, who scored 2—1 out of the first three games.

OBITUARY.

We note with regret the death of the oldest American chess master, Major J. M. Hanham, who, if he had lived a few days more, would have reached the age of 84, having been born on January 4th, 1840. As late as Christmas Day he visited the Manhattan C.C. to watch a game between Alekhine and an opponent.

Major Hanham was several times champion of the Manhattan C.C. In 1891 he was New York State champion. He twice competed in international tournaments, at Nottingham, 1886, and New York, 1889. As an analyst, his chief claim to notice was the "Hanham Defence" in the Philidor.

CHESS FOR BEGINNERS

(Continued from page 16, Vol. XLIV.).

The solutions of Problems Nos. 133 to 136 are as follows: **133.** This move 7 Kt—B 3 was, so far as I know, first played by Canal v. Johner, at Trieste, the game continued: 7... P×B; 8 R×Kt ch, B—K 3; 9 Kt×P, Kt×Kt; 10 R×Kt, Q—B 1; 11 B—Kt 5, B—Q 3; 12 Kt—K 4, Castles; 13 Kt—B 6 ch, but better is 10... B—Q 3; 11 B—B 4, Castles; 12 B×B, P×B; 13 R×Q P, Q—K 2; 14 Q—Q 4!, K R—Q 1; 15 R×R, Q×R; 16 R—Q 1, Q×Q; 17 R×Q. There is some analysis of this position by Dr. Tartakover in the *Neue Wiener Schachzeitung* for December, in which he advocates 7... B—K 3; 8 Kt×Kt, P×B; and examines 9 Q Kt—Kt 5, B—K 2; 10 Kt×B, P×Kt; 11 R×P, Castles; 12 P—Q Kt 3, Q—Q 2; and 9 K Kt—Kt 5, B—K 2; 10 Kt×B, P×Kt; 11 Q—R 5 ch, P—Kt 3; 12 Q—Q Kt 5, Q—Q 4. If 8 B×P, P×Kt is best, and if 9 R×Kt, Kt—K 2! and if 8 Q Kt×P, B×Kt; 9 B×B, Q×B; 10 Kt—Kt 5, P—B 4; 11 P—B 3, Castles. **134.** From a game between Duras and Lowtzky, which was won by Duras with 32 R—Q Kt 4!, P—Kt 3 (if B—B 1; 33 R—Q B 4); 33 R—Q B 4, R—K 2; 34 R—B 6, K—K 1; 35 P—Kt 4, B—B 1; 36 P—Q 6, B—Kt 2; 37 R×Q B P, R×R; 38 P×R, K—Q 2; 39 P—K R 4, Resigns. **135.** From a game between Teichmann and Lowtzky, with colours reversed, in which Teichmann won with the following manoeuvre: 35 Q—Q 3!, R—B 1; 36 Q—Q 7, Q×P; 37 R—K 1 ch, R×R; 38 Q×Q, Resigns. **136.** (a) 1 R—R 3, P—Q 7; 2 R—B 3 ch, K—Kt 7; 3 R—Kt 3 ch, K—R 7; 4 K—B 3 draws. If 1... R—Q R 8; 2 R×P, R—R 5 ch; 3 K—Kt 5 draws. If 1... R—Q 7; 2 R—Kt 3, a waiting move. Suppose White played 1 R—Q 4, which looks plausible, then 1... P—Q 7; 2 R—Q 3, R—Q B 8; 3 R—B 3 ch, K—Kt 7 wins. (b) Black wins, for after 1 R—R 3, R—Q R 8; 2 R×P, R—R 5 ch wins the Rook.

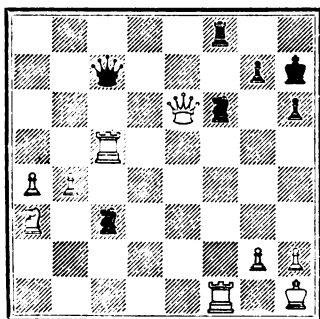
Now I promised to revert again to Problem No. 125, on the Queen's Gambit Declined. My answer to (a) was given by several solvers, many suggested 9 P—Q R 4, which I think weakens White's Queen's side Pawns too much, and others recommended 9 P×P, K P×P; 10 B—Q 3, which is simplest, and gives Black no attacking chances. 9 P—B 5, P—K 4; 10 P×P, Kt—Kt 5 as played by Reti v. Wolf seems to lead to an easy game for Black. On the whole I am inclined to think the solution given gives White the best chance of maintaining the advantage of the move. In (c) 8... P—K R 3; 9 B—K B 4, P×P, is probably better than R—K 1; for 10 P—B 5 is a cramping move. In (f) 8... Kt—K 5; 9 B—K B 4, P—K B 4; 10 P—K R 3, seems to me to be an improvement for White on the line given in December number, and I withdraw my support of this variation for Black.

There were 37 solvers this month. Some half dozen of the regulars evidently found other interests at Christmas time too strong. The point of 129 was not quite appreciated. 130 stumped nearly everybody,

and D. R. Langton, C. J. Cole and J. C. Derlien must be congratulated on discovering the winning line. 131 was found by nearly all at long last. I have not "scratched" 132; it should have been, and was to most solvers obvious that the Queen was a misprint for King; but solvers generally have quite failed to fathom the importance of the initial move, some work 1 K—Kt6 to a win, others to a draw. The winner this month is "Moseley" with 315, 4, 2, 5, 2, 328; (and his score therefore is cancelled). The others are R. Mathieson, 305, 3, 2, 5, 1, 316; F. M. Reade (1), 303, 4, 2, 5, 1, 315; A. D. C. Amos (1), 280, 2, 2, 3, 1, 290; C. Ellice, 247, 2, 2, 5, 1, 257; Rev. J. B. Bourne (1), 218, 2, 2, 5, 2, 229; "R. W.E.," 195, 3, 2, 5, 1, 206; "G.A.W." (1), 193, 3, 2, 5, 1, 204; C. C. Excell, 189, 3, 2, 5, —, 199; "N.M." (2) 194, (130 and 131 were sent by him), 3, —, 1, 189; "H.D.B." (India), 170, corrected (125/128) —, —, 5, 4, 179; "A.W.T.H.," 155, 4, 2, 5, 1, 167; "C.P." (1), 136, 3, 2, 5, 1, 147; C. S. Ashley, 145, no solutions; T. E. Storrs, 132, 3, 2, 5, 1, 143; D. E. Budge (1), 129, 3, 2, 5, 2, 141; J. A. Evans (1), 101, 3, 2, 5, 1, 112; "J.W.T.," 97, 3, 2, 5, 1, 108; "F.H." (1), 91, 3, 1, 5, —, 100; C. J. Cole (1), 87, 2, 5, 5, —, 99; A. E. Smith (1), 85, 2, 2, —, 1, 90; Wm. Skirrow (1), no solutions, 88; "A.M.H." (1), 51, 2, 2, 5, —, 60; "Worton," 45, 2, 2, 5, 1, 55; "Tyro" (1), 41, 2, 2, 5, 1, 51; C. Skertchley, 37, 3, 2, 5, 3, 50; R. N. Murray, 40, 2, 2, 5, —, 49; Geo. Thompson, 25 (121/4), 5, 4, 5, 39, 2, 2, 5, 1, 49; H. M. Baldrey (1), 39, 2, 5, 2, —, 48; C. H. Jago, 25 (129/132), 6, 2, 4, 37, 2, 2, 5, 1, 47; D. R. Langton (1), 30, 2, 5, 5, —, 42; "M.K." 31, 2, 2, 5, 1, 41; A. Lockley (1), 26, 5, 2, 5, 1, 39; J. G. Duffell, 34, no solutions; "Clare," 22, 2, 2, 5, —, 31; L. Illingworth, 17, 3, 2, 5, 1, 28; "C.S.M." (1), 16, 2, 2, 5, 1, 26; J. C. Derlien, 10, 2, 5, 5, 1, 23; A. G. Allen (2), —, 4, 2, 5, 4, 15; "Sangor," old score? (125/128), —, —, 3, 1.

Problem No. 137.

BLACK (7 pieces)

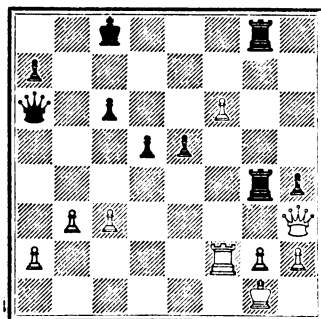


WHITE (9 pieces)

Black to play. What should be the result?

Problem No. 138.

BLACK (9 pieces)

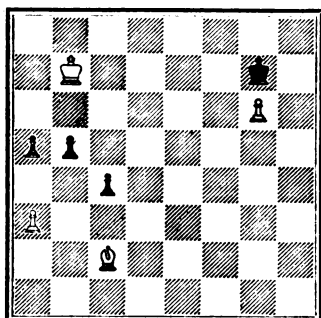


WHITE (9 pieces)

Black to play.
How should he continue?

Problem No. 139.

BLACK (4 pieces)



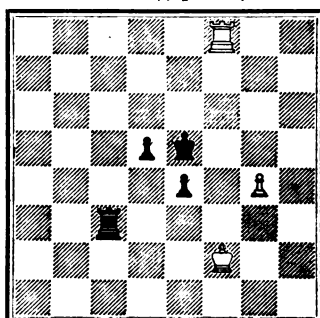
WHITE (4 pieces)

Black to play.

What result and how ?

Problem No. 140.

BLACK (4 pieces)



WHITE (3 pieces)

Black to play.

What result and how ?

Solutions to be sent to R. C. Griffith, 18 Wedderburn Road, London, N.W.3, by 29th February, 1924.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS: Heartiest reciprocation of good wishes from solvers; may you go on from strength to strength! D. E. Budge.—We all suffer in same way at times. It is very aggravating; the only cure is better concentration. Reminiscences might be tried when space permits, but not in Beginners' Column. L. Illingworth.—The honey is splendid (*To Readers*, L. Illingworth, The Ways End, Foxton, Royston, Herts. keeps a bee! He is ready to sell tins of honey, 7 lbs. 12/-; 14 lbs. 22/6; 28 lbs. 40/-; I can strongly recommend it.)

CORRESPONDENCE.

MILITARY TERMS IN CHESS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE *B.C.M.*

SIR,—In his review of Mr. F. K. Young's *The Field Book of Chess Generalship*, on pages 4 and 5 of your January issue, the reviewer makes great play with the "technical terms" used by Mr. Young, and even sneers at them as "bunkum."

Now, since 1895 Mr. Young has published five (or six) books upon his system of teaching chess strategy and tactics, and has developed in each of them the nomenclature to which the reviewer objects. Surely therefore Mr. Young has a right to expect that this, the latest book of his series, will be read mainly by those who have read the earlier works, and who are familiar with the military terms he has introduced to describe chess tactics; and it follows that no one should call them "bunkum"—particularly one who has not read most or all of the preceding books of the series.

You yourself, at the close of the Boys' Championship in London, commented upon the sad partiality of the younger generation for the Q.G.D. If more players tried the Young system instead of the "modern" game which only masters can handle properly, we should get brighter chess; and I think, better.

Yours, etc.,

WIMBLEDON, January 6th, 1924.

E. W. DAVIES.

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By this time our magazine should be in the hands of the members. If any reader of the *B.C.M.* would like a copy, we should be pleased to send him one on receipt of 4½d. This represents about half the cost of production, but we are desirous of making the Association better known. The magazine consists of sixteen pages, gives the results of last year's tourneys and also the scores of eight games, three of which are copiously annotated.

Handicap Tourney.—Additional results: *Wins*—Armitage *v.* Coleman (2) and Heath; Bardsley *v.* Burton and Collins; Burton *v.* Miss Chater, Newbold and Curson; Miss Chater *v.* Burton; Chambers *v.* Coleman; Coleman *v.* Shead; Curson *v.* Burton; Duffell *v.* Miss Drummond (2) and Laslett; Day *v.* Cottee; Hapgood *v.* Wilcox and Berhndt (2); Heath *v.* Armitage; Hume *v.* Hibbert (1½) and Roberts (2); Hussian *v.* Day; Maden *v.* Laslett; McCluskey *v.* Griffin; Newbold *v.* Burton; Rynders *v.* Tott (2); Wilcox *v.* Folley (2); Ward *v.* Hirst (2); Wilson *v.* Miss Chater. *Draws*: Bardsley *v.* Mrs. Pullin; Miss Chater *v.* Lesser; Cottee *v.* Seymour; Wilcox *v.* Ashley. Mr. Bardsley has been promoted to Class 2 according to rule.

Trophy Tourney Results.—Class 1a: Holmes 1, Clarke 0; Chambers ½, Illingworth ½. Class 1b: Sheppard 1, Jones, D. J. 0. Class 2a: Wilson 1, North 0. Class 2b: Ward 1, Toledano 0; Ward ½, Ditcham ½, Jayne 1, Terry 0; Dancer 1, Jayne 0; Ditcham 1, Maden 0. Class 3a: Murray 1, Heath 0; Boyes retires, score cancelled. Class 3b: Armitage 1, Rocks 0; Armitage ½, Gurney ½; Wallis 1, Sheard 0. Class 4a: Hume 1, Laslett 0. Class 4b: Seymour ½, Anderton ½; Wood 1, Kennedy 0. Class 4c: Taylor 1, Lord 0; Redfern 1, Griffin 0; Pugh 1, Withey 0. Class 5a: Edwards 1, Beckwith 0; Wilcox 1, Gracey 0; Wilcox 1, Beckwith 0. Class 5c: Palmer 1, Newbold 0.

We shall be happy to play a match by correspondence with any chess organisation.

The following information regarding the geographical distribution of our members may be interesting: London Postal Area, 34; Lancs., 20; Yorks., 11; Kent, 8; Norfolk, 7; Essex, 6; Hants, 6; Sussex, 5; Cheshire, 5; Surrey, Gloucester and Oxford, 4 each; Northumberland, Berkshire, Staffs. and Herts., 3 each; Middlesex, Devon, Lincs., Warwick, Wilts. and Cumberland, 2 each; Durham, Notts., Monmouth, Cambridge, Bucks. and Salop, 1 each; Wales, 4; Ireland, 2; Scotland, 2; Royal Navy, 2; Barbados, 2; Demerera, 2; S.W. Africa, 1. Total, 159.

GAME NO. 5, 186.

French Defence.

B.C.C.A. Trophies Tourney, Class 1a.

| WHITE | BLACK | | |
|---------------|-------------|--------------|------------|
| W. H. GUNSTON | P. LAWRENCE | 20 Q—B 6 ch | 20 K—Kt 1 |
| (Cambridge) | (Reading) | 21 K R—K 1 | 21 B—K 5 |
| 1 P—K 4 | 1 P—K 3 | 22 B×B | 22 P×B |
| 2 P—Q 4 | 2 P—Q 4 | 23 P—K R 4 | 23 R—Q 6 |
| 3 Kt—Q B 3 | 3 Kt—K B 3 | 24 R×R | 24 P×R |
| 4 B—K Kt 5 | 4 P×P | 25 R—K 3 | 25 R—Q 1 |
| 5 Kt×P | 5 Q Kt—Q 2 | 26 R—Kt 3 ch | 26 K—B 1 |
| 6 Kt—K B 3 | 6 B—K 2 | 27 R—Kt 7 | 27 R—Q 4 |
| 7 Kt×Kt ch | 7 Kt×Kt | 28 R×P | 28 K—K 1 |
| 8 B—Q 3 | 8 P—Q Kt 3 | 29 R—R 8 ch | 29 K—Q 2 |
| 9 P—B 3 | 9 B—Kt 2 | 30 Q×B P ch | 30 K—Q 3 |
| 10 Castles | 10 Castles | 31 Q—B 4 ch | 31 K—B 3 |
| 11 Q—K 2 | 11 P—B 4 | 32 Q—Q 2 | 32 Q—K 4 |
| 12 P×P | 12 B×P | 33 R—R 6 | 33 K—Q 3 |
| 13 Q R—Q 1 | 13 Q—B 2 | 34 P—K B 4 | 34 Q—K 5 |
| 14 Kt—K 5 | 14 B—K 2 | 35 R—R 8 | 35 K—K 2 |
| 15 B×Kt | 15 B×B | 36 R—Q R 8 | 36 R—Q R 4 |
| 16 Kt—Q 7 | 16 K R—Q 1 | 37 R—K Kt 8 | 37 R—K B 4 |
| 17 Kt×B ch | 17 P×Kt | 38 R—Kt 3 | 38 R—Q 4 |
| 18 Q—Kt 4 ch | 18 K—R 1 | 39 R—R 3 | 39 Resigns |
| 19 Q—K R 4 | 19 P—B 4 | | |

CORRESPONDENCE.

CHESS NOTATION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE B.C.M.

SIR,—May I suggest that Mr. Frost's notation is defective in one respect. It takes no note of the case where either of two Pawns can capture *en passant*. On the other hand it includes unnecessary forms for Castles, check, mate, etc., which any novice can see for himself. Also why number the moves? If any interest attaches to the number of moves in a game surely the person so interested can count them? Again why put Black's move in a separate column when everyone knows that White and Black move alternately, White moving first? They do not do these things in Draughts.

Here is a simpler and more uniform method of notation:—

Let each square have a two-figure number, the first indicating the file and the second the rank. Each move is then expressed by four consecutive figures, giving only the King's move for Castles. The numbering is from White's side of the board, from left to right, and from bottom to top. That is all. See Diagram.

| | | | | | | | |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 18 | 28 | 38 | 48 | 58 | 68 | 78 | 88 |
| 17 | 27 | 37 | 47 | 57 | 67 | 77 | 87 |
| 16 | 26 | 36 | 46 | 56 | 66 | 76 | 86 |
| 15 | 25 | 35 | 45 | 55 | 65 | 75 | 85 |
| 14 | 24 | 34 | 44 | 54 | 64 | 74 | 84 |
| 13 | 23 | 33 | 43 | 53 | 63 | 73 | 83 |
| 12 | 22 | 32 | 42 | 52 | 62 | 72 | 82 |
| 11 | 21 | 31 | 41 | 51 | 61 | 71 | 81 |

One of Blackburne's games follows to show the simplicity of the system.

French Defence.

| White : Blackburne. | | | | Black : Schwarz. | | | |
|---------------------|----------|------|------|------------------|------|---------|--|
| 5254 | 7163 | 5273 | 4231 | 6181 | 3234 | 7566 | |
| 5756 | 6846 | 4837 | 7463 | 4768 | 4534 | 5664 | |
| 4244 | 6143 | 3153 | 7263 | 8183 | 4334 | 3164 | |
| 4745 | 3746 | 2847 | 5473 | 7776 | 8785 | 4664 | |
| 2133 | 5171 (a) | 4142 | 8273 | 5181 | 8384 | 8485 | |
| 7866 | 5878 | 6858 | 4673 | 1848 | 2725 | 7685 | |
| 5445 | 3352 | 1151 | 7172 | 5375 | 3423 | 8185 | |
| 5645 | 3874 | 6654 | 7346 | 4847 | 6856 | Resigns | |

(a) This King move, very clearly indicates Castling.

Yours,

W. J. ALLEN

(Chess Editor, *Belfast News-Letter*)

DEAR SIR.—I have read with interest the recent correspondence regarding Chess Notation in the *B.C.M.*

Mr. Frost's scheme is undoubtedly most ingenious but I very much doubt its adoption. For me, at any rate, P—K 4 helps to visualise the move on the board far more than the number 29 could ever do. Merely employing numbers must surely add to the errors made by readers which brings me to the object of my letter.

One of my favourite amusements after a hard day's work is to play over the games you and Editors of certain daily and weekly papers so kindly publish. The printing of your magazine is admirably clear, but, I find that although my eyesight is still very fair, I can never play over a game published in a daily or weekly newspaper without employing a magnifying glass owing to the confusion between Bishop and Rook. Of course the correct move is generally obvious but the other day, for example, in playing over a game published by a famous Sunday paper, I played P—B 3 instead of the less obvious and correct move of P—R 3 and as all the other moves fitted in until the end of the game it took me a long time to find out where the error lay. I am sure your readers must frequently have found the same difficulty and if only Chess Editors would employ C. for Rook instead of R. I am sure their readers would bless them.

As I am certain all Chess Editors read the *B.C.M.* I hope you will suggest this alteration in notation in your columns.

Yours faithfully,

ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT,
15th December, 1923.

H. J. EDWARDS.

RENOVATING CHESS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE *B.C.M.*

DEAR SIR,—With reference to the paragraph in the *B.C.M.* for this month relative to the cutting from the *Illustrated London News* regarding a change in the order of the pieces, is it not, in your opinion time to adopt some change?

Evidently as far back as 1857 the need of a change was felt, and the case must be very much more so now.

Capablanca has suggested a re-shuffling of the pieces and I understand that Dr. Lasker is also of the same opinion, to say nothing of Reti and other modern experts. In fact, Reti in his book *Modern Ideas in Chess* states that some change is imperative in order to save the game from decay.

One tires of reading reports of an "uneventful draw" *ad libitum* which occur in nearly every match that takes place as well as at the International Tournaments.

Unless the game is beyond salvation, it is a pity that something is not done in this direction. As it stands, it seems to be a matter of memorising the approved moves, which practically eliminates any other type of skill.

The *B.C.M.* being the recognised organ of the game, perhaps you may consider this plea fit for insertion.

Yours truly,

OXTON, CHESHIRE.

FRANK JONES.

GAME DEPARTMENT

GAME No. 5,187.

Played in a cable match at New York in March last. Notes by J. H. Blake.

Ruy Lopez.

| WHITE | BLACK |
|--------------|-------------|
| A. B. HODGES | D. JANOWSKI |
| 1 P—K 4 | 1 P—K 4 |
| 2 Kt—K B 3 | 2 Kt—Q B 3 |
| 3 B—Kt 5 | 3 P—Q R 3 |
| 4 B—R 4 | 4 Kt—B 3 |
| 5 Castles | 5 P—Q 3 |

.....5... Kt×P is usually preferred in the practice of to-day, owing to its giving Black a good piece development. The text-move hopes for 6 P—Q 4, whereupon by 6... P—Q Kt 4; 7 P×P (7 B—Kt 3, Kt×Q P!), P×P, Black gets an easy game.

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|-----------|----------|
| 6 B×Kt ch | 6 P×B |
| 7 P—Q 4 | 7 Kt—Q 2 |
| 8 Kt—B 3 | |

Marco v. Tarrasch (Hastings, 1895) was continued 8 P×P, P×P; 9 B—Kt 5, P—B 3; 10 B—K 3, B—Q 3; 11 Q—Q 3, R—Q Kt 1; 12 Q Kt—Q 2, Kt—Kt 3, etc.

| | |
|----------|-----------|
| | 8 B—K 2 |
| 9 Q—K 2 | 9 Castles |
| 10 B—K 3 | 10 R—Kt 1 |

.....This turns out badly owing to the weakness of his Queen's Rook's Pawn. A better line was therefore 10... P—Q R 4; 11 Q—Q 2, B—B 3, with ... Kt—Kt 3 to follow; the weak Pawn has then a good chance of being exchanged after White has played P—Q Kt 3 to restrain the Black Knight.

| | |
|-------------|----------|
| 11 P—Q Kt 3 | 11 B—B 3 |
| 12 P—Q 5 | 12 P—B 4 |

.....Far better play, 12... P×P; 13 Kt×P, P—B 3; the weak Queen's Pawn can then be defended, and he would be secure

of developing the Queen's side pieces.

| | |
|------------|------------|
| 13 Q R—Q 1 | 13 Kt—Kt 3 |
| 14 P—K R 3 | 14 R—R 1 |

.....14... P—Q R 4 is answered by 15 P—Q R 4, and has besides the disadvantage of leaving White the option of playing later Kt—Q Kt 5. 14... B—K 2 can be countered by 15 P—K Kt 4.

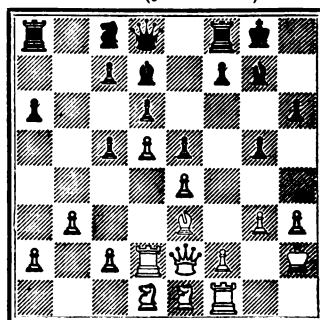
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|-----------|-----------|
| 15 R—Q 2 | 15 B—Q 2 |
| 16 Kt—Q 1 | 16 P—R 3 |
| 17 K—R 2 | 17 P—Kt 4 |
| 18 Kt—K 1 | 18 Kt—B 1 |

.....The combination 18... P—B 5; 19 B×Kt, P×P; 20 B—R 5, P×R P; 21 B—B 3, R—Kt 1; 22 Kt—K 3, R—Kt 8; 23 Kt—Q 3, Q—Kt 1; 24 Q R—Q 1 is unsound.

| | |
|-----------|-----------|
| 19 P—Kt 3 | 19 B—Kt 2 |
|-----------|-----------|

Position after 19... B—Kt 2.

BLACK (JANOWSKI)



WHITE (HODGES)

| | |
|-------------|----------|
| 20 P—K B 4! | 20 K P×P |
|-------------|----------|

..... P—B 3 seems necessary here or next move.

21 P×P 21 P×P?
 22 B×K B P 22 Q—R 5
 23 R—Q 3 23 P—B 4
 24 R—Kt 3 24 K—R 1

.....24... P×P; 25 Kt—K Kt 2, Q—B 3; 26 Q Kt—K 3, K—R 1 yields White a strong attack, but it is not necessarily fatal; the text move practically enables White to win at leisure.

25 P—K 5! 25 Kt—Kt 3
 26 P—B 4 26 Q R—K 1
 27 P—K 6 27 B—B 1
 28 Kt—K Kt 2 28 Q—B 3

29 Q—R 5 29 B×P
There is no parry to the alternative threats of 30 B—Kt 5 or 30 Kt—R 4. The game is a good example of the vigorous style which earned Mr. Hodges a unique record in the series of Cable matches.

30 P×B 30 R×P
 31 Kt—R 4 31 K—R 2
 32 K R—Kt 1 32 R—B 2
 33 B—Kt 5 33 Q—K 4
 34 Q×R 34 P×B
 35 Kt×P 35 R—Kt 3
 36 Q Kt—K 3 Resigns

GAME NO. 5, 188.

Played in the last round of the tournament at Mährisch-Ostrau, in July last. Notes by E. Grünfeld, from the *Oesterreichische Schachrundschau*. The state of the score at commencement of the round was that Reti stood only half a point behind Lasker; so that if the latter should only draw his last game Reti would, by winning this game, tie for first prize.

Irregular Opening.

| WHITE | BLACK |
|------------|-------------|
| R. RETI | E. GRÜNFELD |
| 1 Kt—K B 3 | 1 Kt—K B 3 |
| 2 P—B 4 | 2 P—B 4 |

.....I am of opinion that against the more usual 2... P—K Kt 3 White by 3 P—Q Kt 4 gets an excellent (perhaps even the better) game (2... P—K Kt 3; 3 P—Q Kt 4, P—Q R 4; 4 P—Kt 5, B—Kt 2; 5 B—Kt 2, Castles; 6 P—K 3, etc.; Niemzowitsch v. Reti, Carlsbad, 1923). I chose, therefore, an older and less known treatment of the opening in order to lead the opponent away from that concept. The risks incidental to the treatment are shown in the following notes. Another line hitherto practised is 2... P—Q 3 and ... P—Q B 3.

3 P—K Kt 3

In Niemzowitsch v. Schlechter (Carlsbad, 1911) occurred the perhaps stronger line 3 Kt—B 3, Kt—B 3; 4 P—Q 4, P×P; 5 Kt×P, P—Q 4; 6 P×P, Kt×P; 7 Kt×Q Kt, P×Kt, and White could, according to Collijn's *Larobok* maintain a slight

advantage with 8 B—Q 2, as the isolated Black Pawn on the Queen's Bishop's file is weak.

| | |
|------------|----------|
| 3 P—K Kt 3 | |
| 4 B—Kt 2 | 4 B—Kt 2 |
| 5 Kt—B 3 | 5 Kt—B 3 |
| 6 P—Q 3 | |

I was acquainted with the following favourable line for White: 6 P—Q 4, Q—Kt 3?; 7 P—Q 5, Kt—Q 5; 8 Kt×Kt, P×Kt; 9 Kt—Kt 5, Castles; 10 Castles, P—Q R 3; 11 Kt×P, Kt×P; 12 P—B 5! Rubinstein v. Duras, Pistyan, 1912), and, in case my opponent had chosen this, intended to put to the proof the improvement 6... P×P; 7 Kt×P, Castles. An improvement for Black is also needed in the following line from Carls v. Post (Mannheim, 1914): 6 Castles, Castles; 7 P—Q 3, P—Q 3; 8 B—Kt 5, P—K R 3; 9 B—Q 2, B—K 3; 10 P—K R 3, Q—Q 2; 11 K—R 2, K—R 2; 12 P—K 4, Kt—K R 4; 13 P—K Kt 4! and White soon obtained the advantage.

6 Castles

7 B-K 3

Hereby White gains a tempo with the following very troublesome (for Black) manoeuvre.

8 Q-B 1

7 P-Q 3
8 R-K 1

..... Necessary in order to avoid the exchange of Bishops after 9 B-R 6.

9 P-K R 3
10 Castles

9 B-Q 2
10 R-Q B 1

..... Placing the Rook opposite White's Queen in the hope of finding something to undertake. It would, however, have been stronger to play immediately 10... P-Q R 3, with R-Kt 1 and P-Q Kt 4 to follow, and Black might possibly have obtained the better game. White takes advantage of the omission to be beforehand with the same manoeuvre, and Black gets a crowded position.

11 P-R 3

11 P-Q R 3

12 R-Kt 1

12 R-Kt 1

13 P-Q Kt 4

13 P×P

14 P×P

14 P-Q Kt 4

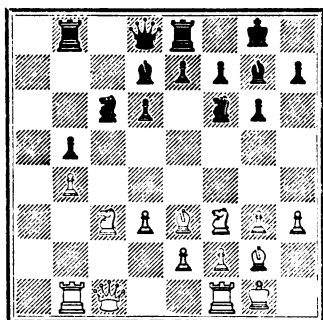
15 P×P

I had here expected 15 P-B 5, and had considered that move; the best answer was 15... P×P; 16 B×P, P-Q R 4; 17 P×P, P-Kt 5, followed by ... Q×P. The text-move is stronger.

16 P×P

Position after 15... P×P.

BLACK (GRÜNFELD)



WHITE (RETI)

16 Kt-Q 4

Apparently an injurious stroke, for after 16... Kt×Kt; 17 B×Kt White had an advantage; 17... Q-B 2; 18 R-R 1, Kt-R 4; 19 R-R 7, Q-B 1; 20 B×B, Kt×B; 21 Kt-Q 5, etc. Black has, however, a charming problem-like reply at disposal, which essentially relieves his position.

16 Kt-Q 4!

17 K Kt×Kt

17 Kt×Kt

18 Q×Kt

Or 18 Kt×Q, Kt×P ch; 19 K-R 2, Kt×Q; 20 Kt-B 6, B×Kt; 21 B×B, Kt×P; 22 B×R, R×B, with advantage for Black. If, however, 18 R-Kt 2, then ... B×Kt; 19 B×B, R-K B 1!; suppose now 20 P-Q 4, then Kt-R 5; 21 R-R 2, Q-Kt 3; 22 P-Q 5, Q-R 3 or B-Q 5.

18 B×Q

19 Kt×Q

19 Q R×Kt

..... 19... K R×Kt was bad on account of 20 B-R 7, Q R-B 1; 21 B-Kt 7, R-B 2; 22 B-Kt 6, etc.

20 K R-B 1

20 R-Q B 1

..... Black dare not abandon the Queen's Bishop's file to his opponent.

21 B-Kt 7

21 R-Kt 1

22 B-Kt 2

22 Q R-B 1

23 B-Kt 7

23 R-Kt 1

24 B-Kt 2

24 Q R-B 1

25 P-Kt 4

25 P-K 3!

..... Threatening to confine the White Bishop by... P-Q 4; if 26 P-Q 4, then R-B 5 yields an advantage to Black; 27 R-Kt 3, B×P!; 28 R×R, P×R, etc. White is therefore compelled to take the line which follows if he desires to make any further attempt to win.

26 B-Kt 7

26 R-Kt 1

27 R×B

The subtlety of the defence 25... P-K 3 now becomes evident if White plays the

apparently strong 27 B—R 6.
Black would continue 27... B—
B 3; 28 R—B 7 (28 P—Kt 5,
B—Q 1), R—K 2!; 29 P—Kt 5,
B—K 1, which completely secures
his position.

28 Q R—B 1 27 R×B
28 K—B 1

29 R—B 7

If 29 B—Kt 5, K R—Kt 1 with
30... K—K 1 to follow.

29 K R—Kt 1
30 R×R
31 R—Q 1

Drawn

GAME No. 5, 189.

Played in the Premier tournament at the Hastings Christmas
Congress. Notes by R. P. Michell.

Irregular Opening.

WHITE BLACK
G. M. NORMAN R. P. MICHELL

1 P—Q 4 1 Kt—K B 3
2 P—Q B 4 2 P—K 3
3 Kt—Q B 3 3 B—Kt 5
4 P—Q R 3

It is probably better to protect
the Knight with Bishop or Queen
in order to avoid the doubling
of the Queen's Bishop's Pawn,
which Black can keep in that state
by holding his own Queen's Pawn
back.

5 P×B 4 B×Kt ch
6 P—B 3 5 P—Q Kt 3
7 B—Kt 5 6 B—Kt 2
8 P—K 4 7 P—Q 3
9 B—Q 3 8 Q Kt—Q 2
10 Q—B 2 9 Castles
11 Kt—K 2 10 P—K 4
12 Castles K R 11 R—K 1
13 B—Q 2 12 P—K R 3
14 Q R—K 1 13 Kt—B 1
15 P—K R 4 14 P—K Kt 4
16 P×P 15 Kt—R 4
17 P—Kt 3 16 P×P
18 Q—B 1 17 Kt—Kt 3
19 P—Q 5 18 P—K B 3

This might at least have been
deferred.

19 K—B 2

20 K—Kt 2

Played rather hastily; perhaps
K—B 2 was preferable. Black,
however, presently vacillates with
his King, being in some un-
certainty as to the course of
events.

20 R—R 1
21 R—R 1 21 Q—K 2
22 R—R 2 22 R—R 2
23 Q R—K R 1 23 Q R—K R 1
24 K—B 2 24 K—K 1
25 Q—K B 1 25 B—Q B 1
26 P—K B 4 26 B—Kt 5
27 P—B 5 27 Kt—B 1
28 Q—Kt 2 28 Kt—Q 2
28 B—B 2 29 K—B 1
30 B—Q 1 30 Kt—B 4
31 B—K 3 31 K—Kt 1
32 B×Kt

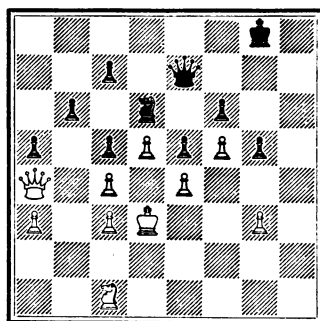
The Pawn position is now
telling against White. Black's
Queen's Knight is strong at Q B 4,
but by taking it White provides
a good square for the other
Knight.

32 Q P×B
33 Q—Kt 1 33 Kt—Kt 2
34 R×R 34 R×R
35 R×R 35 K×R
36 Q—R 1 ch 36 K—Kt 1
37 Kt—B 1 37 B×B
38 Q×B 38 Kt—K 1

39 Q—R 4 39 Kt—Q 3
40 K—K 3 40 P—Q R 4
41 K—Q 3

Position after 41 K—Q 3.

BLACK (MICHELL)



WHITE (NORMAN)

41 Q—R 2

42 Q—Q 1 42 Q—R 7
43 Q—K 1 43 Q—K Kt 7
44 Kt—Kt 3 44 Q—B 6 ch
45 Q—K 3 45 Q—Q 8 ch

.....Better than exchanging Queens and winning two Pawns by Kt×B P ch, etc., because after taking the Rook's Pawn the Knight would not be able to get away without loss of a Pawn or two.

46 Kt—Q 2 46 P—Q Kt 4

.....Threatening 47... P×P mate. If White play 47 P×P Black mates by ... P—B 5. If 47 Q—Q B P Black wins by 47... Q×Kt ch; 48 K×Q, Kt×K P ch 49 K moves, Kt×Q.

47 Q—K 2 47 P×P ch
48 K—K 3 48 Q—B 7
Resigns

GAME No. 5,190.

Played in the same tournament. Notes by J. H. Blake.

Scotch Opening.

| WHITE J. MIESES | BLACK J. H. BLAKE |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1 P—K 4 | 1 P—K 4 |
| 2 Kt—K B 3 | 2 Kt—Q B 3 |
| 3 P—Q 4 | 3 P×P |
| 4 Kt×P | 4 Kt—B 3 |
| 5 Kt×Kt | 5 Kt P×Kt |
| 6 B—Q 3 | 6 P—Q 4 |
| 7 Kt—B 3 | |

It will be remembered that Mr. Mieses had important successes with this opening at Liverpool; but he then played 7 P—K 5, a manoeuvre of doubtful soundness.

8 P—K 5 7 B—Q Kt 5

The *Handbuch*, which treats the variation as a branch of the Four Knights Game, notices only 8 P×P, which it conducts to equality. The text-move transposes into his Liverpool treatment of the opening, with, however, the

important difference, that his Queen's Knight is now in play.

8 Kt—Kt 5
9 Castles 9 Castles
10 B—K B 4

By his alteration in the order of the moves White has avoided the variation in which Black plays ... P—K Kt 4, driving back this Bishop.

10 P—B 3
11 P×P 11 Q×P
12 B—Kt 3 12 B—Q 2

.....It has been suggested that Black should have played here 12... B—Q B 4, but that was far from satisfactory; e.g., 12... B—Q B 4; 13 Kt—R 4! B×P ch (Kt×P loses two pieces for a Rook by 14 Kt×B); 14 B×B, Kt×B; 15 Q—Q 2, Q—R 5; 16 R×Kt, R×R; 17 Q×R, Q×Kt; 18 R—K 1, with a formidable attack. The text-

move is weak, because it leaves this Bishop temporarily unprotected; it is not easy to see how White is to turn this fact to account; he finds the way, however. Probably the best line was 12... B×Kt; 13 P×B, Q×Q B P; 14 B×B P, R—B 2; 15 B—Kt 3, B—Q 2 and the Queen's Rook comes into play quickly.

13 B—K 2! 13 B×Kt

.....The obvious reply to White's unexpected stroke is 13... Kt—K 4, but then follows 14 Kt×P, P×Kt; 15 Q×P ch, and however Black play White recovers his piece.

14 P×B 14 Kt—R 3

.....If 14... Kt—K 4;
15 Q—Q 4 wins a Pawn.

15 P—Q B 4 15 P—Q 5
16 B×P 16 Q R—B 1
17 B—Kt 3 17 Kt—B 4
18 P—B 5 18 Q—K 2

.....The only way to recover the Pawn. If 18... Kt×B;
19 B P×Kt, Q—K 4; 20 P—B 3.

19 P—Q B 3 19 Q×P
20 P×P 20 Kt×P
21 B—Q 3 21 B—B 4
22 R—B 1 22 Q—Kt 3
23 B—Q 6 23 B×B

24 Q×B

Not 24 B—B 5, because Kt—K 7 ch; 25 K—R 1, Kt×R, 26 B×Q, B×R, and Black has a full equivalent for his Queen.

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| 25 Q—B 4 ch | 24 K R—K 1 |
| 26 K—R 1 | 25 K—R 1 |
| 27 B—B 5 | 26 Kt—B 4 |
| 28 K R—K 1 | 27 Q—B 2 |
| 29 R×R | 28 R×R ch |
| 30 Q—K Kt 4 | 29 Q—Q 2 |
| | 30 P—Kt 3 |

.....30... R—K 1 has been suggested here; but 31 R×R ch, Q×R; 32 P—Kt 3 and Black cannot avoid loss of a Pawn.

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| 31 P—K R 4 | 31 Q—Q 4 |
| 32 B—Kt 4 | 32 Q×R P |
| 33 P—R 5 | 33 Q—B 2 |
| 34 Q—K B 4 | 34 K—Kt 1 |
| 35 Q—K 5 | 35 Q—Q 4 |
| 36 Q—B 6 | 36 Q—B 2 |
| 37 Q—K 5 | 37 Q—Q 4 |
| 38 Q—B 6 | 38 Q—B 2 |
| 39 Q—K 5 | |

Drawn by repetition of moves.

Black dare not allow White time to get the Bishop behind the Queen; and White with a shortage of Pawns cannot allow Black to consolidate his position.

GAME No. 5,191.—Played in the same tournament. *Sicilian Defence*. White: J. MIESES. Black: G. MAROCZY.

1 P—K 4, P—Q B 4; 2 Kt—Q B 3, Kt—Q B 3; 3 P—K Kt 3, P—K Kt 3; 4 B—Kt 2, B—Kt 2; 5 P—Q 3, P—Q 3; 6 B—K 3, B—Q 2; 7 Q—Q 2, R—Kt 1; 8 K Kt—K 2, Kt—Q 5; 9 Castles K R, P—K R 4; 10 P—K R 4, Kt—R 3; 11 Kt—Q 1, Kt—Kt 5; 12 P—Q B 3, Kt×B; 13 Kt×K Kt, Kt×Kt ch; 14 Q×Kt, P—K 4; 15 P—K B 4, P×P; 16 R×P, B—K 4; 17 R—B 3, B—Kt 5; 18 Kt×B, P×Kt; 19 R—K 3, P—K Kt 4; 20 P—R 5, B—B 5!; 21 P×B, P×P; 22 Q×P, P×R; 23 R—K 1, Q—B 3; 24 R×P, Q—R 3; 25 R—Kt 3, K—K 2; 26 B—B 3, Q—B 8 ch; 27 K—B 2, Q×P ch; 28 B—K 2, Q×B P; 29 R—B 3, Q—Q 5 ch; 30 K—K 1, Q R—K Kt 1; 31 Q—R 4 ch, P—B 3; 32 P—R 6, Q—R 8 ch; 33 K—Q 2, Q—Kt 7 ch; 34 K—Q 1, R—Kt 7; 35 R—B 2, R×R; 36 Q×R, R×P; 37 Q—Kt 3, R—R 8 ch; 38 Resigns.

GAME NO. 5,192.—*Scotch Opening*. White: J. MIESES. Black: F. D. YATES.

1 P—K 4, P—K 4; 2 Kt—K B 3, Kt—Q B 3; 3 P—Q 4, P×P;
 4 Kt×P, Kt—B 3; 5 Kt×Kt, Kt P×Kt; 6 B—Q 3, P—Q 4;
 7 Kt—B 3, B—Q B 4; 8 Castles, Castles; 9 B—K Kt 5, B—K 2;
 10 P×P, P×P; 11 B×Kt, B×B; 12 Kt×P, B×Kt P; 13 R—Kt 1,
 P—B 3; 14 Kt—Kt 4, Q—B 3; 15 B—K 4, B—K 3; 16 B×P,
 Q R—B 1; 17 Kt—Q 5, B×Kt; 18 B×B, K R—Q 1; 19 P—B 4,
 R—B 2; 20 R×B, Q×R; 21 B×P ch, R×B; 22 Q×R ch, R—B 1;
 23 Q—Q 5 ch, K—R 1; 24 P—B 5, Q—B 7; 25 P—B 4, R—Q B 1;
 26 R—K 1, P—K R 3; 27 K—B 1, Q—R 4; 28 R—K 4, Q—Kt 4 ch;
 29 K—B 2, R×P; 30 Q—Q 8 ch, K—R 2; 31 R—K 2, R—Q 4;
 32 Q—K 8, Q—B 4 ch; 33 Q—K 3, R—Q 5; 34 P—Kt 3, Q—Kt 3;
 35 K—Kt 2, Q—B 3 ch; 36 Q—B 3, Q—Q B 5; 37 K—R 3, Q—B 2;
 38 P—B 5, R—Q 4; 39 R—K 7, Q×R; 40 Q×R, Q—K 7; 41 Q—
 B 7, Q—B 6; 42 P—Q R 4, P—Q R 4; 43 K—R 4, Q—K 5 ch;
 44 P—Kt 4, Q—B 5; 45 Q—Kt 6 ch, K—Kt 1; 46 P—R 3, Q—B 6;
 47 Q—Kt 6, Q—B 6; 48 Q—Q 8 ch, K—R 2; 49 Q—K 7, Q—B 6;
 50 Q—Q 8, Q—K 6; 51 Q×P, Q—Kt 4 ch; 52 K—Kt 3, Q—K 6 ch;
 53 K—Kt 2, Q—K 7 ch. Drawn.

PROBLEM WORLD.

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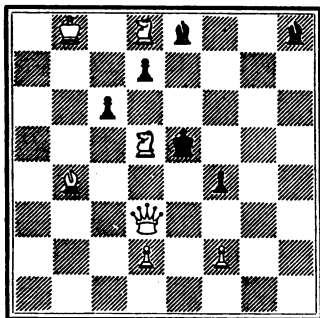
BRITISH CHESS PROBLEM SOCIETY.

The January fixture of the Society took place on Tuesday the 15th ult. and was well attended. The scheduled attraction was a *conversazione*, being quite a change to the lectures and competitions which have been the special features of most of these meetings. It was interesting to watch the grouping of composers and solvers in discussing all kinds of products from ingenious minds. The ordinary problem, the Sui-Mate and Reflex Chess were the principal subjects tackled, but "Fairy Chess" championed by Mr. T. R. Dawson engaged the attention of several, his new scheme entitled "Space Chess" being an extraordinary invention requiring five boards of 5×5 squares on a kind of cake stand arrangement, that is five planes. This of course was introduced as a pure diversion and not designed to oust the claims of the problem proper.

The next meeting of the Society is to be held at St. Bride's Institute, close to Ludgate Circus, E.C., at 6-30 p.m., on Wednesday, 20th instant, when Mr. B. G. Laws will give an address: "1877—1924 Recollections." Mr. George Walpole has kindly consented to take the chair. Members are invited to bring friends.

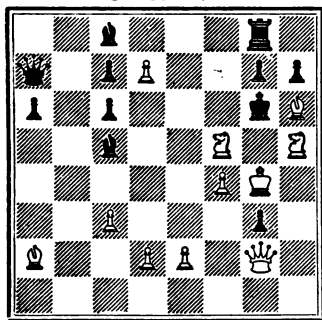
B.C.P.S. SOLVING TOURNEY.

No. 5. By J. FRIDLIZIUS.

BLACK (6): K e5; B e8, h8;
P c6, d7, f4.WHITE (7): K b8; Q d3; B b4;
Kt d5, d8; P d2, f2.

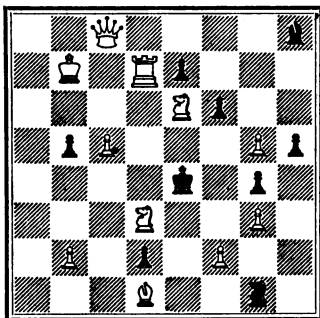
White mates in three moves.

No. 7. By F. GAMAGE.

BLACK (11): K g6; Q a7;
R g8; B c5, c8; P a6, c6, c7;
g3, g7, h7.WHITE (11): K g4; Q g2; B a2,
h6; Kt f5, h5; P c3, d2, d7,
e2, f4.

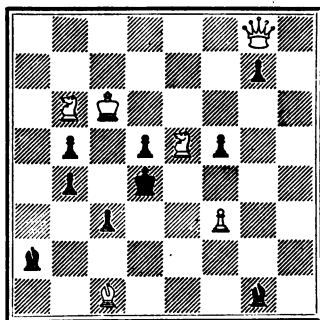
White mates in three moves.

Solutions should reach Mr. C. G. Watney, 18 Queen's Gate Place,
S.W.7, by 15th March, 1924.

No. 6. By A. MISKOLCZY
and J. G. DUNKA.BLACK (9): K e4; B h8; Kt g1,
P b5, d2, e7, f6, g4, h5.WHITE (11): K b7; Q c8;
R d7; B d1; Kt d3, e6; P b2,
c5, f2, g3, g5.

White mates in three moves.

No. 8. By J. SALMINGER.

BLACK (9): K d4; B a2, g1;
P b4, b5, c3, d5, f5, g7.WHITE (6): K c6; Q g8; B c1;
Kt b6, e5; P f3.

White mates in four moves.

REVIEW.

"BOHEMIAN GARNETS."—This charming volume edited by
Messrs. Hume, Schumer, White, Fridlitzius and Wurzburg makes a
rich addition to the literature dealing with Chess problems. Mr.

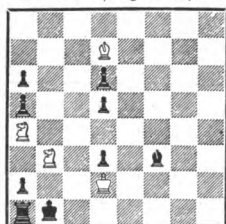
White has given us a collection of 506 problems by that brilliant Bohemian composer, M. Havel, who is looked upon by many as without parallel, at least in his own country. A highly interesting introduction is contributed by Frantisek Dedrle wherein he naturally dwells on the Bohemian School and remarks of it, although "developed according to principles laid down by generations of national composers nevertheless at different times a tendency to deviate would manifest itself in the individual genius and character of some gifted composer," and mentions M. Havel as being eminent in this characterisation. He is acclaimed a leader who has opened up new ways and pointed to new aims. All students are aware that the Bohemians attach more importance to the value of economy than to intellectual values, the result being highly polished gems of construction which do not always possess the vim of strategy. This is borne out in a measure by the statement that this school "eschews sacrificial combinations, regarding sacrifices as veiled uneconomy." This will not be universally subscribed to, as much service is obtained by sacrifices subtly prepared and these certainly lend radiance to well thought out schemes.

Of the problems themselves one notices the keymoves in a considerable proportion do not happily initiate the plots. Of the 56 two-movers no fewer than 20 have aggressive or "give and take" keys, and of the remaining 450 problems about 114 suffer in like manner. There are, it is clearly perceptible, many examples of exquisite keys quite consistent with general motives and altogether this muster of problems presents a galaxy of art pictures it would be difficult to match.

Composers, especially prolific, who experiment with a few chess men with the object of arriving at pretty effects with a minimum of force run the risk of repeating other attainments and several such instances will we think be found in this book. One case has struck us which is of sufficient interest to be diagrammed here.

By M. HAVEL (79a-1920)

BLACK (9 pieces)



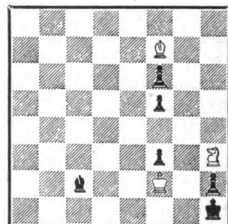
WHITE (4 pieces)

Mate in four.

1 B-B 5, B-K 5; 2
B-R 7, B×B; 3 K—
Q 1, 1.., B-K 7; 2 Kt—
Q 4, B-B 8; 3 Kt-B 2.

By W. A. SHINKMAN
(before 1900).

BLACK (6 pieces)



WHITE (3 pieces)

Mate in four.

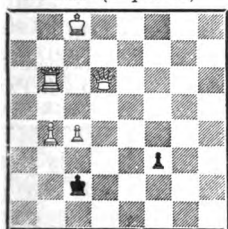
1 B-Q 5, B-K 5; 2
B-R 8, B×B; 3 K—
B 1, 1.., B-Q 8; 2 Kt—
B 4, B-K 7; 3 Kt×B.

In the following illustration it is questionable whether the author was justified in basing his five-mover on a three-mover merely for the purpose of bringing in a model mate. Many will consider that the extension of play with weak side issues is not warranted and that Healey's little gem should stand without artificial setting.

By M. HAVEL

(Dedicated to O. Wurzburg).

BLACK (2 pieces)



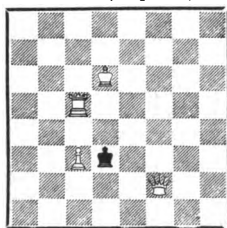
WHITE (5 pieces)

Mate in five.

1 Q—Kt 3, K—Q 6; 2
Q×P ch, K×P; 3 Q—
K 3, K—Q 4; 4 R—
Q B 6. If 2... K—Q 5;
3 R—Q B 6, K—K 4;
4 R—Q 6.

By F. HEALEY (1860).

BLACK (1 piece)



WHITE (4 pieces)

Mate in three.

1 K—Q 7, K—K 5; 2
R—Q 5.

The problems are conveniently arranged in chronological order and most clearly printed, indeed the book itself is excellently produced by the Stroud publishers of the *Chess Amateur*. So far we have detected no errors which is a tribute to the thoroughness of the editorial work, and we warmly recommend every problem lover to secure a copy in order to enjoy the many fascinations perpetuated in this volume.

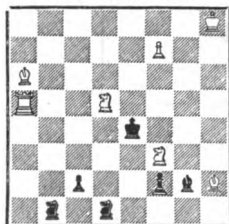
The Budapest Chess Club announces an international tourney for original unpublished two-move chess problems. Each composer may enter two problems. Joint compositions are excluded. Entries under mottoes, must be posted up to 1st May, 1924, to Dr. Leo Paul, Budapest V. Bank ucca 7. Prizes: 150, 60, 45, 30 and 15 Swiss francs. Judges: A. Havasi and L. Schór. The award will be published in the October, 1924, number of the *Magyar Sakkvilág* and will remain open for two months after publication in order that any anticipations or cooks may be noted.

The *Morning Post* is conducting an Informal Three-move Problem Competition with prizes contributed by Mrs. Baird of £3 3s., £2 2s., £1 1s. and one of her handsome books for hon. mention. The time for receipt of entries has been extended to 30th April next. Address: Chess Editor, *Morning Post*, 346 Strand, London, W.C.2.

Mr. C. H. Brockelbank, who conducts the chess column of the *Sussex County Herald* with conspicuous ability, has been good enough to arrange to contribute to our magazine an article on "Economy of Force," as in this way it is more likely to be read by a larger range of problem students than if published in a provincial paper. Mr. Brockelbank's treatment of the subject is, we believe, original and cannot fail to be instructive and interesting. His writings on construction in the *Herald* convincingly show that he has a wide knowledge of the problem art, which he has acquired by many years' study.

GOOD COMPANION CHESS PROBLEM CLUB.

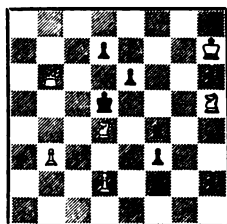
First Prize.
By Dr. J. J. O'KEEFE.
BLACK (6 pieces)



WHITE (7 pieces)
Mate in three.

The annexed two three-movers took chief honours in the November competition. Both are nice problems, that by Dr. O'Keefe being rather uncommon. The third prize was taken by T. Salamanca.

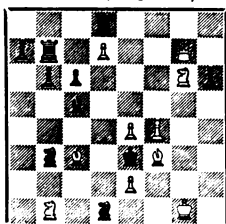
Second Prize.
By J. PALUZIE.
BLACK (8 pieces)



WHITE (6 pieces)
Mate in three.

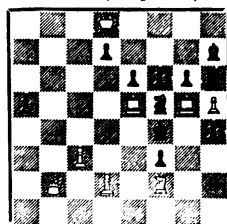
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First and Second Prize
(*ex æquo*)
By Dr. E. PALKOSKA
BLACK (10 pieces)



WHITE (10 pieces)
Mate in three.

First and Second Prize
(*ex æquo*).
By J. VASTA.
BLACK (11 pieces)



WHITE (8 pieces)
Mate in three.

"THE CHESS PROBLEM HOBBY."

Commenting upon the Review we published in our December issue, the writer of this book shows indignation and expresses his feelings in the *Chess Amateur* in acrimonious strains. Were we to disregard his strictures, silence might be construed as meaning an admission that they were justified. We have also given Mr. Brockelbank the opportunity of dealing with those cases of inconsistency and

inaccuracy pointed out by him which the aggrieved author ineffectively has turned aside as trivialities or distortions.

As for ourselves we are more amused than wounded by the gratuitous admonition that we should have chosen "as a Reviewer a well-known and up-to-date expert *who had tried for himself* the somewhat difficult task of producing a book on problems" (our italics). There is in this country no such expert, and to approach anyone abroad was undesirable and impracticable.

We had sufficient confidence in Mr. Brockelbank (who has had an intimate knowledge of the progress of problem construction and great experience in its technique, extending over a period of nearly half a century), to know he would not blight his qualification. Consequently we invited him to undertake the task. He was not "deputed" nor did he "volunteer" as Mr. Kipping would have the readers of the *Chess Amateur* to understand. The Reviewer was not influenced by any other consideration than his allegiance to the Art itself, and there is no manner of doubt that the defects it was his concern to note are really unanswerable. Such indications of flaws are in the interest of those who possess the book and should be of benefit to its author.

Some references in the January number of the *Chess Amateur* to my Review of this work seem to indicate a somewhat vehement resentment of the author at criticism which balances duty to the public with fairness to himself. May I deal with that limited part which seems more directly intended to create the impression that it represents a refutation of my criticisms, which, in effect he leaves unanswered?

But, before doing so, a comment and expression of regret at the unnecessary, introduction of the name of Mr. Alain C. White may be permissible. This esteemed gentleman is fully entitled to, and doubtless enjoys, the respectful admiration of all lovers of the Chess Problem acquainted with his invaluable and unremitting labours in their interest. It however may be gravely doubted whether he would appreciate appointment as a Final Court of Appeal upon questions whether this or that be an ambiguous or a lucid, a loose or accurate expression of a given meaning, for the obvious reason that thousands of others must be as competent as he. And it is the more regrettable since his name is merely introduced with the apparent object of inducing the conviction that the unfavourable points of the Review are simply subject matters of opinion. That this, most emphatically, is not the case, those sufficiently interested to trouble may determine for themselves.

On the contrary, the unfavourable points in the Review are questions of fact. The nature of such shortcomings of the work is briefly stated, followed by one or more specific examples of each; and, almost regardless of your valuable space, about twenty such illustrations are cited, with detail of the error where reasonably possible. The author selects three of these as seemingly easy of disposal: an "inconsistency," an "example," and a reference to the Model mate. It may be frankly admitted that the particular inconsistency cited is of no importance whatever beyond the kindly purpose of its selection. Others of more or less serious importance could have been substituted galore. With regard to the theme-example "M," he explains the error is due to a *mis-printed* key. To me this is unacceptable, and serves only to accentuate a very striking omission by the author in this example. Further, I refrained from adding that the position was also very ill-chosen as an example, or from touching on the title of the theme (?). In reply to his objection to my reference to "the exclusion of the Model-mate theme," it may be agreed that, *in the very strict sense the author in this case is anxious to apply*, the word "virtual" could have been

usefully added. His suggestion that I failed to observe the bare four lines dedicated to the subject is characteristic. But it serves the purpose of saying an "inconsistency," amounting to a virtual contradiction, is there present for his consideration.

I beg to be excused from more than noting the petty personalities seemingly so alluring to Mr. Kipping. If, however, I may, without similar offence offer that gentleman my views, I should say the Chess Problem World might conceivably be substantial gainers if he honestly strove to give only of his best in manner and work; instead of (to borrow one of the euphonious phrases from the *Chess Problem Hobby*) "just bunging it down and hoping for the best."

C.H.B.

SOLVERS' SCORE—"LADDER" COMPETITION.

Problems (December) 2,447 to 2,450 inclusive.

Dr. R. Tennant Bruce (105) 5-10-10-10 (140); **A. T. Cannell (515) 5-10-10-10 (550); J. Chadwick (Sydney) (100); R. W. Clark (Canada) (480) 5-10-0-10 (505); W. H. Cutland (625) 5-10-0-10 (650); **F. J. Dennis (235) 5-10-0-10 (260); B. V. Darbishire (645); J. C. Derlain (155) 5-10-10-10 (190); Rev. A. T. Dean (110) 0-10-0-10 (130); G. Fegent (535) 5-10-10-0 (560); C. Folley (710 + 20 Nov. 730) 5-10-0-10 (755); C. Frost (740) 5-10-0-10 (765); Albert Haddy (520) 5-10-10-10 (555); **W. F. Herbert (145); 5-10-10-10 (180); F. J. Heal (155); †G. Stillingfleet Johnson (30) 5-10-10-10 (65); **Capt. J. V. Jacklin (75 from July) 5-10-10-10 (110); J. G. Key (470); *A. Lockley (0) 5-0-0-10 (15); **Frederick Lee (240) 5-10-10-10 (275); J. A. Lewis (565) 5-10-10-10 (600); Hubert Lees (Auckland) (725 + 70 Oct., 795); T. W. R. Leistikow (95); *Rev. N. Munroe (710 + 20 Nov., 730) 5-10-10-10 (765); R. J. Minns (465); G. W. Moses (255); Johannes Neilson (445) 5-10-10-10 (480); M. E. Onslow (390); **A. Peacock (130 + 20 Nov., 150) 5-10-10-10 (185); Maurice A. Porter (110); T. Rosenfeld (160 + 5 Nov., 165) 5-10-0-10 (190); *R. G. Thompson (175) 5-10-0-10 (200); B. Tott (640) 5-0-10-10 (665); O. L. Telling (Monte Carlo) (495 + 15 Nov., 510) 5-10-10-10 (545); R. G. Tyzack (40); Rev. E. Wells (540) 5-10-10-10 (575); **H. Wilkins (210); Major W. T. Whetham (365) 0-10-0-0 (375); *W. A. Way (155).

Will two or three solvers who have referred to the subject note that Problem No. 2,433 was corrected at page 427.

We have added 10 points to A. T. Cannell's score as it was cast 10 short in December.

Hubert Lees, who sends from New Zealand, has succeeded in reaching the highest score with his October solutions.

SOLUTIONS.

By F. Sackmann (p. 28).—1 B—B 4. A fine clearance key, leading to a shuttle movement after 1... Q×P ch. The other nice points are shown in the two defences of the Queen to Kt 2 and Kt 8.

By B. Sommer (p. 28).—1 B—Kt 6. Quite an ordinary key-move. The four self-obstructions by Rook and Bishop constitute the gist of the arrangement, the rest of the plan is poor with some vexing duals.

By E. Eylmann (p. 28).—1 Q—Q R 2, B—Kt 7; 2 Q—R 4. If 1... P—Q B 5; 2 Q×B. If 1... others; 2 Q×P. A little on the subtle side. 1 Q—Q 3 looks promising, but 1... B—Kt 7 is too damaging. There are two models.

By T. R. Dawson (p. 28).—1 K—Q 4, P—K 3; 2 K—K 5, P—Kt 4 mate. If 1... P—K 4 ch; 2 K—Q 5, P—B 3 mate. If 1... P—B 3 or 4; 2 K—B 5, P—K 4 mate. If 1... P—Kt 3 or 4; 2 K—K 3, Q—B 6 mate. An extraordinary composition. White has not a single piece to co-operate with his King which moves to a square, giving him more freedom. He is mated on four different squares.

By B. G. Laws (p. 28).—1 K—Q 5, P×Kt; 2 P—K 4, P—B 3 mate. If... K—Kt 2; 2 R—B 5, P—B 4 mate. If 1... B P moves dis ch; 2 K—B 5, P×Kt mate. If 1... Kt P moves; 2 B—B 5, P—B 4 mate. If 1... B or Q—R 2; 2 K—K 5, K—B 3 mate. If 1... Q×P; 2 K—B 5, Q—Q B 3 mate. Here the White King at start has two squares available and moves to where he commands four. The King is doomed on three squares.

By T. R. Dawson (p. 28).—1 R—Kt 5, P—B 4; 2 R—Kt 8, P—B 5; 3 Kt—Kt 7, P×B mate. If 1... P×R; 2 B—K 5, P—Kt 5; 3 Kt—B 4, P—Kt 6 mate. Note: 1 R—B 4 will not do, as after 1... P—B 5, White must mate. The shutting off of the power of the Rook in one case and the Bishop in the other on the second move is a most clever manipulation.

By J. Rietveld (p. 29).—1 R—K B 5. A fair threat problem, the limitation of the Rook moving being one of its chief points. There are only three defences (by the Queen) to the threat, so the variety is a little meagre.

By K. Lane (p. 29).—1 Q—K 8, R×Q; 3 Q Kt×Q B P. If 1... P×Kt; 2 B—B 2 ch. If 1... K×Q Kt; 2 Kt—B 6 ch. If 1... others; 2 Q—R 4 ch. A rather difficult problem to solve as it is not too plain the Queen can be given up. There is not much of true worth beyond the main line. There does not seem to be any sound reason why the Pawn at R 6 should not be saved by placing the White King at Q R 1.

By Dr. H. V. Gohschall (p. 29).—1 Kt—Q B 6, Kt—Q 3; 2 Kt—B 6 dbl ch. If 1... Kt×P; 2 Q—B 4 ch. If 1... R×P; 2 Q—Kt 5 ch. If 1... K—K 3; 2 P×Kt (Kt) ch. If 1... K×Kt; 2 P—K 8 (Queens) ch. If 1... P—Q Kt 4 or R—Q 2; 2 Kt—B 5 dis ch. If 1... others; 2 Q—Kt 5 ch. Most of the play here is very familiar. The give and take opening is most unfortunate. There is considerable variety, some sparkling, but the rest not particularly pleasing.

By A. Moseley (p. 30).—1 B—Q 6. This works exceedingly well and considering the open position there is more incident than might be expected. Though the key move is good it is soon seen if Black is allowed to play his Bishop to K 4, things would be upsetting.

No. 2,447, by S. Green.—1 B—B 3. A neat little problem with a pointed key. *La Strategie* and the *Sussex County Herald* have reprinted this two-mover, the latter commenting favorably on it.

No. 2,448, by J. Scheel.—1 Q—Kt 6, threatening 2 R—B 3 ch. If 1... K—Q 4; 2 R—R 5 ch. If 1... P—K 4; 2 R—R 4 ch. If 1... Kt—K 6; 2 Q—Kt 5 ch. If 1... P—K 6; 2 Q—R 5 or R—Q 3. The dual is a pity, as it mars one of the model lines. Apart from this the problem is a good example of Queen and Rook play, with a pretty echo on squares of different colour. 1 R—R 5 is met by Kt—K 4.

No. 2,449, by J. Vasta.—1 B—Kt 2! threatening 2 R—B 6 ch. If 1... R×B; 2 R—B 4. If 1... Kt—Kt 5 or Q 5; 2 B—B 7 ch. An attractive lightweight, with a capital key. 1 B—B 3 is answered by R—Q 7.

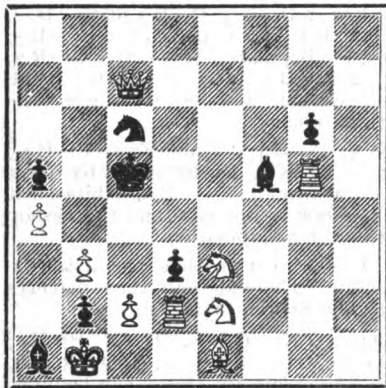
No. 2,450, by F. Simhovici.—1 Q—R 3! threatening 2 Q×P ch. If 1... K—B 5; 2 Q—B 3 ch. If 1... K—K 5; 2 Q×P ch. If 1... R×P; 2 Q×R ch. A fine retreating key, followed by three Queen sacrifices. The Pawn position is ugly and there are no minor variants, but the forceful brilliance of the play compels admiration.

ORIGINAL PROBLEMS.

No. 2,455.

By C. MANSFIELD
(Brisbane).

BLACK (8 pieces)



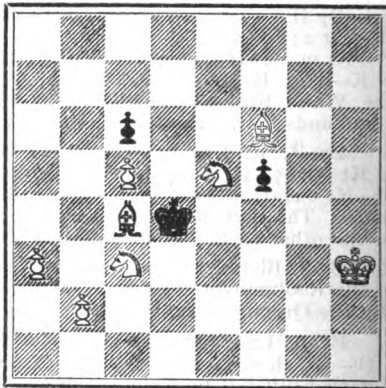
WHITE (10 pieces)

White mates in two moves.

No. 2,456.

By M. BUKOFZER
(Woodside, U.S.A.).

BLACK (3 pieces)



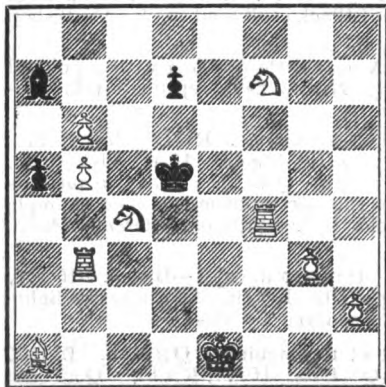
WHITE (8 pieces)

White mates in three moves.

No. 2,457.

By Dr. J. J. O'KEEFE
(Kogarah, Australia).

BLACK (4 pieces)



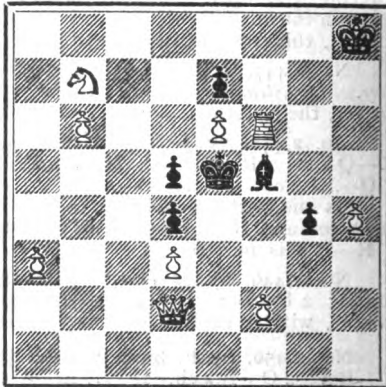
WHITE (10 pieces)

White mates in three moves.

No. 2,458.

By J. CAUVEREN
(Doetinchem, Holland).

BLACK (6 pieces)



WHITE (10 pieces)

White mates in three moves.

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THE MERAN CHESS CONGRESS.

The enterprise of the organisers of the congress at Meran (or as we should now call it, Merano) was rewarded by a good entry for the master event and fair entries for the others, including an excellent show from England in the ladies' tournament.

In spite of some disappointments among the masters, including the inability of either Sir George Thomas or F. D. Yates to make the journey, thus leaving no representative of England, there was a welcome variety of nationalities among the competitors—two each from Austria, Belgium, Germany, Hungary, Italy and Poland, and one each from Czecho-Slovakia and Russia. Rubinstein arrived two days late, but was allowed to make up his leeway in the off-hours. He quickly created a stir with a notable victory over Grünfeld in Round 3. The Austrian master, however, recovered from this setback, and at the end of Round 7—just past half-way—led with $5\frac{1}{2}$, followed by Przepiorka, Rubinstein, Selesnieff and Spielmann, $4\frac{1}{2}$ each. The contest came to a curious end on February 22nd, the competitors agreeing to leave the thirteenth and last round unplayed! It is true that the destination of the three prizes was already settled; but surely it would have been more sporting to complete the tournament.

According to Reuter, after the final round on February 22nd, the prize list was as follows: I, E. Grünfeld, $10\frac{1}{2}$ points; II, R. Spielmann, $8\frac{1}{2}$; III, A. Rubinstein, 8; IV-V, D. Przepiorka and A. Selesnieff, $7\frac{1}{2}$; VI, A. Takacs, 7; VII, E. Colle, K. Opocensky and A. Steiner, $6\frac{1}{2}$, divided. The remaining scores were: G. Koltanowsky and S. Tarrasch, $5\frac{1}{2}$; B. Patay and S. Roselli de Turco, $4\frac{1}{2}$; and L. Miliani (who retired after the 11th round), $2\frac{1}{2}$.

In the Major tournament of eight players the first prize was won by Bohm, of Monaco (but a present-day resident of Bologna), with a score of $5\frac{1}{2}$.

England certainly triumphed in the ladies' section, also of eight. With just half the competitors, she took the first four places. The final placings were: Miss Cotton and Mrs. Holloway, $5\frac{1}{2}$ each; Mrs. Stevenson, 5; Mrs. Michell, $3\frac{1}{2}$; Mme. Kalmar (Austria), 3; Mme. Gutich (Czecho-Slovakia) and Mme. Polner (Austria), $2\frac{1}{2}$ each; Mme. König (Germany). Our congratulations to our worthy representatives!

THE NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT.

On the 17th of this month there is due to start the first International Masters' tournament held in the United States since Cambridge Springs, 1904. The prize-fund and expenses of the players require nearly \$10,000; but it is confidently expected that this sum will be raised.

Invitations to compete were sent, in the first instance, to Capablanca, Dr. Emanuel Lasker, Alekhine, Marshall, Janowski, Maroczy, Reti, Sir George Thomas, Dr. Tartakover, Edward Lasker, Kupchik and Chajes. It has been announced that both Capablanca and Dr. Lasker have accepted the invitation. Of the rest Sir George Thomas, we know, has been obliged to decline; but the other nine, we understand are ready to play.

It has been later stated that Bogoljuboff has been invited; and also F. D. Yates, to take Thomas's place as English representative. It is not certain at present whether the number of competitors has been increased to fourteen or whether one of the American representatives will drop out, to keep the number down to twelve.

With regard to the report that travelling expenses have not been offered to the English representative, we prefer to withhold comment until we are in possession of the full facts. We cannot believe that the New York committee intended to discriminate a master of one nationality only.

CORRESPONDENCE.

RENOVATING CHESS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE *B.C.M.*

DEAR SIR,—Your correspondent, Mr. Frank Jones, raises a very interesting question, and its being an old one would seem to make it the more urgent.

The following suggested changes are probably also old, but they are offered as being in the nature of constructive criticism, and as such, something from which information may be derived even if of a negative quality only.

1. Reverse the positions of Black's King and Queen. (Is not this usual in some part of the East?)
2. Prohibit the Knight from jumping over his front rank on his first move so that a Pawn or Piece must be moved to enable him to go (in theory) square by square to the end of his first move only.
3. Change positions of Rook, Knight, and Bishop so that reading from the corner square, the positions are, Bishop, Rook, Knight. For these three pieces this seems to be the only change that gives the existing protection to each of the three flank Pawns.

Yours faithfully,

F. D. BOYD,

P.S.—For over three years now I have taken the *B.C.M.* through my news-agent, and playing over its games is a favourite recreation that makes me plead for a long delay in the substitution of 5254 for P—K 4!

16 WELLINGTON ESPLANADE, LOWESTOFT,
9th February, 1924.

NEWS FROM THE BRITISH ISLES.

The adjudication of the five unfinished games of the N.C.C.U. match between Yorkshire and Cheshire played at Leeds on January 19th, brought two wins to Yorkshire, one to Cheshire and two draws, with the result that Yorkshire won a close match by $8\frac{1}{2}$ to $6\frac{1}{2}$. Yorkshire will therefore meet Lancashire in the final of the N.C.C.U. championship, at Manchester, on the 15th of March.

YORKSHIRE.

| | | |
|----|-----------------------|---------------|
| 1 | H. E. Atkins | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 2 | J. Foulds | *1 |
| 3 | W. Atkinson | 0 |
| 4 | E. Schofield | 1 |
| 5 | C. W. Moses | 0 |
| 6 | G. Barron | *1 |
| 7 | H. W. Hodgkinson .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 8 | M. Jackson | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 9 | H. L. Brooke | 0 |
| 10 | C. W. Roberts | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 11 | W. J. Berryman | *0 |
| 12 | J. I. Shields | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 13 | S. Leader | 1 |
| 14 | H. I. Lofthouse | 1 |
| 15 | H. Hinchliffe | 1 |

CHESHIRE.

| | |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| Alfred Eva | *1 |
| W. A. Fairhurst | *0 |
| Arthur Eva | 1 |
| H. Farnsworth | 0 |
| J. Kay | 1 |
| M. Sutcliffe | *0 |
| F. J. Macdonald | *1 |
| A. Waterhouse | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| A. Clegg | 1 |
| W. Phillips | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| G. H. Midgley | *1 |
| J. Whitworth | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| H. Smith | 0 |
| P. M. Wallis | 0 |
| H. Sutcliffe | 0 |

 $8\frac{1}{2}$

* Adjudicated.

 $6\frac{1}{2}$

Berkshire met Hampshire in the S.C.C.U. championship on Saturday, February 9th, and a very close match ensued, which depends on adjudication of the game on the second board, the score being nine all. Full score:—

BERKSHIRE.

| | | |
|----|------------------------|---------------|
| 1 | F. W. Neale | 0 |
| 2 | P. J. Lawrence | *0 |
| 3 | L. A. Rumble | 1 |
| 4 | J. H. Van-Meurs | 0 |
| 5 | W. O. Stuchbery | 0 |
| 6 | E. J. Brooks | 1 |
| 7 | E. A. Farmer | 0 |
| 8 | G. H. Caws | 0 |
| 9 | H. Lyford | 1 |
| 10 | H. Runham | 1 |
| 11 | G. H. Kingham | 1 |
| 12 | S. F. Peirson | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 13 | B. Hamilton | 1 |
| 14 | W. Innes | 0 |
| 15 | E. G. Gray | 1 |
| 16 | E. Wicks | 0 |
| 17 | T. H. Cox | 1 |
| 18 | A. Mawle | 0 |
| 19 | C. G. Greenfield | $\frac{1}{2}$ |

HAMPSHIRE.

| | |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| J. H. Blake | 1 |
| F. J. H. Elwell | *0 |
| A. Hayes | 0 |
| A. B. Coe | 1 |
| H. A. Way | 1 |
| H. D. Osborn | 0 |
| Rev. W. Proctor | 1 |
| W. J. Fry | 1 |
| E. Parsons | 0 |
| A. H. Yerbury | 0 |
| F. G. Binning | 0 |
| E. Clayton | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| J. H. Wassel | 0 |
| A. J. Woodford | 1 |
| A. S. Dance | 0 |
| L. C. Whetham | 1 |
| J. Bradfield | 0 |
| E. Reynolds | 1 |
| H. L. Parsons | $\frac{1}{2}$ |

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* To be adjudicated.

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Kent played Sussex at Tunbridge Wells on February 9th, in the Six Counties Competition for the Montague Jones Cup; for a long time the match appeared evenly contested, but eventually Sussex won with plenty to spare. Full score—

| SUSSEX. | | | | | KENT. | | | | |
|---------|--------------------|----|----|---------------|---------------------|----|----|---------------|--|
| 1 | G. Maroczy | .. | .. | 1 | O. C. Muller | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 2 | G. M. Norman | .. | .. | 1 | J. C. Waterman | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 3 | J. A. J. Drewitt | .. | .. | 1 | N. B. Holmes | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 4 | E. J. Ackroyd | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | E. Cresswell | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 5 | W. A. Paley-Hughes | .. | .. | 0 | I. T. Sifton | .. | .. | 1 | |
| 6 | H. J. Stephenson | .. | .. | 0 | C. Chapman | .. | .. | 1 | |
| 7 | G. F. H. Packer | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | W. B. Dixon | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 8 | R. E. Lean | .. | .. | 1 | C. H. Lorch | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 9 | J. H. Jones | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | W. M. Brooke | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 10 | H. E. Dobell | .. | .. | 1 | B. W. Hamilton | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 11 | G. V. Butler | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | G. Hanson | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 12 | J. Storr-Best | .. | .. | 1 | C. F. Cooke | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 13 | W. Bridger | .. | .. | 1 | Major R. W. Barnett | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 14 | E. A. Lewcock | .. | .. | 0 | C. E. Taylor | .. | .. | 1 | |
| 15 | E. G. Spears | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | E. L. Nickels | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 16 | Castle Leaver | .. | .. | 1 | C. G. Spicer | .. | .. | 0 | |
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| 10½ | | | | | 5½ | | | | |

Lincolnshire and Notts met in a chess match at Lincoln on February 2nd. Notts were weakly represented and suffered a narrow defeat. Score:—

| LINCOLNSHIRE. | | | | | NOTTS. | | | | |
|-----------------|------------------|----|----|----------------|--------------------|----|----|----------------|--|
| 1 | J. Brown (W) | .. | .. | 0 | J. W. Broadbent | .. | .. | 1 | |
| 2 | H. Moss .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | C. N. Rushton .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 3 | A. M. Sparke | .. | .. | 1 | W. S. Steeples | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 4 | W. B. Keeling | .. | .. | 1 | W. H. Woodhouse | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 5 | J. H. Todd .. | .. | .. | 1 | H. Parkin .. | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 6 | G. M. Stewart | .. | .. | $*\frac{1}{2}$ | G. E. Argyle | .. | .. | $*\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 7 | J. Parker .. | .. | .. | 1 | Rev. F. O. Coleman | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 8 | F. S. Harrison | .. | .. | $*\frac{1}{2}$ | T. E. Wright | .. | .. | $*\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 9 | T. W. Robinson | .. | .. | $*\frac{1}{2}$ | C. I. Fretton | .. | .. | $*\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 10 | J. Hardy .. | .. | .. | $*0$ | H. M. Sheppard .. | .. | .. | $*1$ | |
| 11 | J. P. Browne .. | .. | .. | 1 | H. Holland .. | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 12 | H. E. Reade .. | .. | .. | 1 | W. T. Haskard .. | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 13 | E. J. Baldock .. | .. | .. | 1 | A. Wilson .. | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 14 | A. C. Beeson .. | .. | .. | 0 | S. B. Pickbourne | .. | .. | 1 | |
| 15 | D. Lengden .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | E. L. Giordan .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 16 | P. Wilkins .. | .. | .. | 0 | W. H. Cunningham | .. | .. | 1 | |
| 17 | G. Coley .. | .. | .. | 0 | H. W. Wilson | .. | .. | 1 | |
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| 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ | | | | | 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ | | | | |
| * Adjudicated. | | | | | | | | | |

Hampstead took a team to Birmingham on February 9th, all but one going by motor, and the only loss sustained was by the railway traveller! The motorists went on to Leamington for the night, and returned via Warwick, Stratford-on-Avon and Oxford. Full score:

| HAMPSTEAD. | | | | BIRMINGHAM. | | | | |
|------------|------------------------|----|----|-----------------|-------------------|----|----|-----------------|
| 1 | R. C. Griffith (Black) | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | H. E. Price | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 2 | M. E. Goldstein | .. | .. | 1 | A. J. Mackenzie | .. | .. | 0 |
| 3 | W. E. Bonwick | .. | .. | *1 | A. R. Chamberlain | .. | .. | *0 |
| 4 | E. M. Jellie | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | M. A. Prentice | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 5 | W. H. M. Kirk | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | G. H. Edwards | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 6 | A. Wilson | .. | .. | 1 | E. F. Fardon | .. | .. | 0 |
| 7 | E. T. Bangert | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | P. Allender | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 8 | W. Eldridge | .. | .. | *0 | P. Riley | .. | .. | *1 |
| 9 | E. Busvine | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | F. W. Forrest | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| | | | | 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ | | | | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| | | | | * Adjudicated. | | | | |

Though not fully represented Leeds accomplished a striking performance in defeating a strong Manchester team at Manchester on Saturday, January 26th. Score:—

| LEEDS. | | | | | MANCHESTER. | | | | |
|--------|----------------|----|----|---------------|-------------------|----|----|---------------|--|
| I | F. Schofield | .. | .. | 0 | W. A. Fairhurst.. | .. | .. | I | |
| 2 | F. Betts | .. | .. | I | E. A. Greig.. | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 3 | W. J. Berryman | .. | .. | 0 | C. Lobel | .. | .. | I | |
| 4 | H. Wortley | .. | .. | I | D. W. Edge.. | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 5 | H. H. Bromham | .. | .. | 0 | W. Turner | .. | .. | I | |
| 6 | J. Croysdale | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | W. Phillips | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 7 | M. Andrew | .. | .. | I | H. Leary | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 8 | W. Skirrow | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | J. A. Barraclough | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 9 | J. S. Capper | .. | .. | 0 | H. B. Borland | .. | .. | I | |
| 10 | W. F. Curtis | .. | .. | I | A. Milner | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 11 | F. Judson | .. | .. | I | B. Copley | .. | .. | 0 | |

In the Woodhouse Cup competition the holders, Leeds, have met with three defeats this season and are practically out of the running and Sheffield who are leading, look the probable winners; for the I. M. Brown Shield, Bradford lead with 7 points, followed by Leeds with 4. In the *Yorkshire Observer* Trophy, the holders (Wakefield) were recently defeated by Leeds Blenheim.

Leeds Blenheim, by defeating Dewsbury 5—3, have won the "A" Section of the *Yorkshire Observer* Trophy and will meet the winners of Section "B" for possession of the same for the year.

The table of the Glasgow Chess League with the result of the matches played in the first half of the competition for the shield provided by the Glasgow Chess League for the winning Club in the first division is given below. Teams are ten a-side, and home-and-home matches are played with each club.

| 1923-4. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Pts. |
|-----------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|------|
| 1 Bohemian C.C. | — | 5 | 3½ | 6 | 6½ | 5 |
| 2 Central C.C. | 5 | — | 4½ | 9½ | 7 | 5 |
| 3 Glasgow C.C. | 6½ | 5½ | — | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| 4 Polytechnic C.C. | 4 | ½ | 2 | — | 5½ | 2 |
| 5 Queen's Park C.C. | 3½ | 3 | 2 | 4½ | — | 0 |

An interesting inter-city chess match between Aberdeen and Dundee was played in the Northern Arts Club, Aberdeen, on Saturday, February 9th, and resulted in a win for Aberdeen by six games to four. Details:—

| ABERDEEN. | | DUNDEE. | |
|-----------------------------|---|----------------------------|---|
| 1 H. A. Turriff | 1 | C. B. Heath | 0 |
| 2 F. S. Teunon | 1 | H. J. M. Thoms | 0 |
| 3 M. Sturm | 1 | D. Spankie | 0 |
| 4 Dr. A. J. Smith | 1 | C. S. Forbes | 0 |
| 5 C. F. Ludwig | 1 | E. C. Beckingham | 0 |
| 6 W. Ruddock | 0 | G. Watt | 1 |
| 7 H. Drummond | 0 | H. Clare | 1 |
| 8 J. Peters | 1 | J. Armstrong | 0 |
| 9 J. Inverach | 0 | J. Milne | 1 |
| 10 J. B. Lamb | 0 | D. Scott | 1 |
| | 6 | | 4 |

The following is the full score of one of the semi-finals of the Spens cup, played on February 16th at Motherwell.

| EDINBURGH LADIES. | | MOTHERWELL. | |
|------------------------------|------|------------------------|---|
| 1 Miss Gilchrist | ½ | J. McArthur | ½ |
| 2 Miss Coast | ½ | W. Muir | ½ |
| 3 Mrs. Ritchie | 1 | F. Grieve | 0 |
| 4 Miss Malcolm | 1 | J. McCracken | 0 |
| 5 Mrs. Mill | 1 | A. Cockburn | 0 |
| 6 Mrs. Sim | 0 | J. Cowan | 1 |
| 7 Miss A. N. Other | abs. | I. Young | 1 |
| | 4 | | 3 |

There are twelve competitors for the Irish Correspondence Chess championship, who have been divided into three sections; the three winners will play a deciding round for the championship. The players in Section A are Banister, Crawford, O'Callaghan and Weir. Section B, Armstrong, Collier, Gormley and Wethers. Section C, Allen, Brooke, Moodie and Watson.

The matches in the first round of the annual tournament of the clubs affiliated to the North Wales Chess Association have been completed and resulted as follows. January 17th, Llandudno beat Colwyn Bay at Colwyn Bay by $6\frac{1}{2}$ to $2\frac{1}{2}$. January 22nd, Rhos beat Wrexham at Wrexham by $5\frac{1}{2}$ to $3\frac{1}{2}$. January 31st, Rydal Mount School beat Bangor University at Bangor by 4 to 3. In the second round Rydal Mount School meets Rhos, and Llandudno Gresford.

The annual match between the South London and North London Leagues was played at St. Bride's Institute, on February 12th, with the following result:—

| SOUTH LONDON LEAGUE. | | | | NORTH LONDON LEAGUE. | | | |
|----------------------|----------------|----|---------------|----------------------|----|---------------|--|
| 1 | G. F. Mitchell | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | A. E. Thomas | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 2 | E. Lane | .. | 0 | E. T. Bangert | .. | 1 | |
| 3 | C. Thatcher | .. | 0 | J. D'Auriol | .. | 1 | |
| 4 | S. R. Colwill | .. | 0 | F. W. Viney | .. | 1 | |
| 5 | H. C. Edwards | .. | 1 | E. Sharp | .. | 0 | |
| 6 | J. Hollingdale | .. | 1 | W. H. Hipkiss | .. | 0 | |
| 7 | H. Smitherman | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | J. Bogle | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 8 | F. P. Carter | .. | 0 | A. C. Sutton | .. | 1 | |
| 9 | H. C. Leggatt | .. | 1 | S. Loney | .. | 0 | |
| 10 | J. Rooke | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | T. W. Fox | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 11 | F. E. Ward | .. | 1 | A. Steel | .. | 0 | |
| 12 | A. A. Foord | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | S. Jones | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 13 | A. H. King | .. | 0 | V. Falls | .. | 1 | |
| 14 | P. W. Tempest | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | H. C. White | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 15 | A. W. Gresty | .. | 1 | C. Ashford | .. | 0 | |
| 16 | H. Evans | .. | 1 | F. H. Smith | .. | 0 | |
| 17 | A. H. Thomas | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | G. W. Blandford | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 18 | H. M. Baldry | .. | 0 | G. T. Jones | .. | 1 | |
| 19 | J. H. Albrecht | .. | 1 | F. Cossey | .. | 0 | |
| 20 | A. M. Williams | .. | 1 | C. E. Davies | .. | 0 | |
| 21 | W. W. Starling | .. | 1 | F. Heal | .. | 0 | |
| 12 | | | | 9 | | | |

In the "A" Division of the London League, Hampstead, the holders are leading with 8 (9) having lost to Athenaeum; Brixton $6\frac{1}{2}$ (8) and a match with Battersea, in which they are 8—6, which depends on six adjudications; Athenaeum $6\frac{1}{2}$ (9); West London 6 (8); Metropolitan $5\frac{1}{2}$ (8); North London $5\frac{1}{2}$ (8); Battersea $4\frac{1}{2}$ (7 finished); are the other leading scores.

The scores in the City of London championship at the time of going to press were: Sir G. A. Thomas, $8\frac{1}{2}$ (12); J. H. Blake, $8\frac{1}{2}$ (13); E. E. Middleton, 8 (13); J. P. Savage, $7\frac{1}{2}$ (11); H. Jacobs, 7 (15); F. F. L. Alexander, $6\frac{1}{2}$ (12); H. Saunders, $6\frac{1}{2}$ (13); R. P. Michell, 6

(10) ; P. W. Sergeant, 6 (13) ; E. G. Sergeant, $5\frac{1}{2}$ (9) ; E. Macdonald, $5\frac{1}{2}$ (11) ; R. C. V. Walker, $5\frac{1}{2}$ (12) ; H. S. Barlow, 4 (9) ; J. W. Bee, 4 (11) ; E. T. Jesty, $2\frac{1}{2}$ (12) ; W. Gooding, $2\frac{1}{2}$ (13). The figures in brackets indicate the number of games played. It will be observed that Savage no longer leads, having lost successive games to Blake, Gooding and Alexander. He has still to play Barlow, E. G. Sergeant, Jesty, Macdonald ; Thomas has Michell, Barlow and Macdonald ; Blake has Walker and Saunders ; Middleton has Barlow and E. G. Sergeant.

The Isle of Wight chess championship, which has been in abeyance for some years, has been revived by the newly-formed Vectis Chess Club (Ryde). A trophy in the form of a silver King on a silver stand and decorated with chess emblems has been provided by the hon. secretary, P. L. Blakely for annual competition. There are ten entries this year, namely : F. W. Braund, Rev. W. Evill, F. A. Joyce, H. W. Daws, F. Miller, P. L. Blakely, A. J. Taylor, J. H. Carrol, T. G. Lucas and Major Grier.

Just before going to print we have received a copy of *Chess Sacrifices and Traps*, by Alfred Emery, and shall review this in our next issue. We can heartily recommend this little 2/6 brochure which is divided into three parts, the first being on Traps in the Openings, the second on Middle Game Sacrifices, and the third, Selected Endings. We shall return to this excellent work in our next issue.

MATCHES IN BRIEF.

| Date. | Home Side. | Visitors. | H.S. | V. | Occasion. |
|---------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Jan. 8— | Victoria | Belfast | $3\frac{1}{2}$.. | $3\frac{1}{2}$ * .. | I.C.C. |
| „ 10— | Strandtown | N. Belfast | 3 .. | 5 .. | I.C.C. |
| „ 14— | Battersea II | Claremont.. .. | 6 .. | 4 .. | L.C.L.C. |
| „ 16— | C.T.O. | E.C. & F.S. | $5\frac{1}{2}$.. | $2\frac{1}{2}$.. | Postal L. |
| „ 16— | Paddington D.O. .. | S.E.P.O. | 6 .. | 0 .. | Postal L. |
| „ 17— | Inland Section .. | Phoenix | 5 .. | 3 .. | Postal L. |
| „ 17— | Totnes | Tavistock | $3\frac{1}{2}$.. | $2\frac{1}{2}$.. | Brembridge C. |
| „ 17— | N. London | Battleaxe | 8 .. | Scr. .. | L.C.L.C. |
| „ 18— | Gas Co. | Maidenhead .. | 2 .. | 5* .. | R. & D.L. |
| „ 19— | Warwickshire | Worcestershire.. | $31\frac{1}{2}$.. | $21\frac{1}{2}$ * .. | friendly |
| „ 19— | Bradford II | Leeds II | 5 .. | 5 .. | I.M.B. Shield |
| „ 21— | Royal Mint | Imperial C.C. .. | 5 .. | 7 .. | friendly |
| „ 21— | Bohemians | Alloa | 6 .. | 1 .. | Spens Cup |
| „ 21— | Junior Constit. .. | Savile Club | 4 .. | 2 .. | H.-R. C. |
| „ 22— | Islington.. .. | Leyton | 10 .. | 9* .. | L.C.L.A. |
| „ 22— | Hampstead II | Ilford.. .. | 5 .. | 3 .. | L.C.L.C. |
| „ 23— | Battersea | Y.M.C.A. | 2 .. | 6 .. | L.C.L.C. |
| „ 23— | Glasgow | Queen's Park .. | $4\frac{1}{2}$.. | $4\frac{1}{2}$.. | G.L. I |
| „ 23— | Glasgow Central .. | Bohemians | $7\frac{1}{2}$.. | $2\frac{1}{2}$.. | G.L. I |
| „ 23— | Glasgow | Queen's Park .. | $4\frac{1}{2}$.. | $4\frac{1}{2}$.. | G.L. I |
| „ 23— | Dundee | Falkirk | $5\frac{1}{2}$.. | $1\frac{1}{2}$.. | R.C.G. I |
| „ 23— | R.A.C. | Nat. Lib. Club .. | 3 .. | 3 .. | H.-R. C. |
| „ 23— | Brixton | Hampstead | $5\frac{1}{2}$.. | $14\frac{1}{2}$.. | L.C.L.A. |
| „ 23— | The Postal Club .. | Finchley | $5\frac{1}{2}$.. | $2\frac{1}{2}$.. | Middlesex C.C. |
| „ 24— | Athenacum | North London .. | 10 .. | 7*** .. | L.C.L.A. |
| „ 25— | Liberal Club | Gas Co. | 6 .. | 2 .. | R. & D.L. |
| „ 26— | Manchester | Leeds.. .. | 5 .. | 6 .. | friendly |

| <i>Date</i> | <i>H. Side</i> | <i>Visitors</i> | <i>H.S.</i> | <i>V.</i> | <i>Occasion</i> |
|-------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Jan. 26 | Glasgow | Burns | 4 .. | 1** .. | R. Cup s.f. |
| " 26 | Weston-S.-M. .. | Clifton | 6½ .. | 6½ .. | friendly |
| " 26 | Glasgow Central .. | Edinburgh .. | 3 .. | 4 .. | R. Cup s.f. |
| " 26 | Plymouth | Devonport .. | 4½ .. | 1½ .. | Moyle Cup |
| " 28 | Battersea | Y.M.C.A. .. | 2 .. | 6 .. | L.C.L.C. |
| " 28 | Battleaxe | Claremont .. | 3 .. | 5 .. | L.C.L.C. |
| " 29 | Hampstead | Ealing | 5½ .. | 2½ .. | Middlesex C.C. |
| " 29 | Leyton | Lewisham .. | 8½ .. | 9½** .. | L.C.L.A. |
| " 29 | S.W.D.O. | S.E.P.O. .. | 6 .. | 2 .. | Postal L. |
| " 30 | C.T.O. | N.W.D.O. .. | 5 .. | 3 .. | Postal L. |
| " 31 | Inland Section .. | Paddington D.O. | 4½ .. | 3½ .. | Postal L. |
| " 31 | Athenaeum | Lee | 15 .. | 5 .. | L.C.L.A. |
| " 31 | Bohemians | Hampstead .. | 9½ .. | 10½ .. | L.C.L.A. |
| " 31 | Islington | North London .. | 5½ .. | 14½ .. | L.C.L.A. |
| " 31 | Ludeagle | Metropolitan .. | 12½ .. | 5½** .. | L.C.L.A. |
| Feb. 1 | Aberdeen | Dundee | 6 .. | 4 .. | friendly |
| " 2 | Kent | Essex | 28 .. | 20 .. | M.C.C. |
| " 2 | Leeds Blenheim .. | Wakefield .. | 5½ .. | 2½ .. | "Y.O." T. |
| " 2 | Reform Club .. | Constitutional C. | 3 .. | 3 .. | H.-R. C. |
| " 2 | Polytechnic | Glasgow | 3 .. | 7 .. | G.L. I |
| " 2 | Greenwell | Queen's Park .. | 1 .. | 2**** .. | R. Cup g.r. |
| " 2 | Middlesex | London Univ. .. | 27½ .. | 18½ .. | friendly |
| " 2 | Leeds | Hull | 4½ .. | 5½ .. | E.W.C. |
| " 4 | Claremont | Ilford | 6½ .. | 3½ .. | L.C.L.C. |
| " 5 | Hampstead | Battersea | 10½ .. | 9½ .. | L.C.L.A. |
| " 5 | Bradford "A" .. | Keighley | 5 .. | 5 .. | "Y.O." T. |
| " 5 | Battersea II | Hampstead II .. | 6½ .. | 1½ .. | L.C.L.C. |
| " 5 | Wood Green | Islington | 9½ .. | 8½** .. | L.C.L.A. |
| " 6 | Battersea | Brixton | 6 .. | 8½ .. | L.C.L.A. |
| " 6 | Reading Gas Co. .. | Wallingford .. | 4 .. | 2 .. | R. & D.L. |
| " 6 | Leeds University .. | Liverpool Univ. | 8½ .. | 3½ .. | friendly |
| " 6 | Maidenhead | Reading | 3½ .. | 4½ .. | friendly |
| " 6 | Queen's Park | Glasgow Central | 1½ .. | 8½ .. | G.L. I |
| " 7 | Ludeagle | Leyton | 8½ .. | 11½ .. | L.C.L.A. |
| " 7 | Constitutional C. .. | Athenaeum C. .. | 5 .. | 1 .. | H.-R. C. |
| " 7 | Metropolitan | London Univ. .. | 7½ .. | 4½ .. | friendly |
| " 7 | Greenock | Gourock | 7 .. | 2 .. | friendly |
| " 8 | Lewisham | North London .. | 6 .. | 14 .. | L.C.L.A. |
| " 9 | Kent | Sussex | 8½ .. | 10½ .. | 6 C.C. |
| " 9 | Berkshire | Hampshire .. | 9 .. | 9* .. | S.C.C.U.C. |
| " 9 | Birmingham | Hampstead .. | 3½ .. | 5½ .. | friendly |
| " 9 | Sheffield | Leeds | 4 .. | 4** .. | E.W.C. |
| " 9 | Hull | Huddersfield .. | 7½ .. | 2½ .. | E.W.C. |
| " 12 | Lloyds' Bank | Imperial C.C. .. | 7 .. | 8 .. | friendly |
| " 12 | Reform Club | Junior Cons. .. | 3 .. | 3 .. | H.-R. C. |
| " 13 | Liverpool Univ. .. | Manchester Univ. | 4 .. | 3 .. | friendly |
| " 13 | Berkshire | Oxfordshire .. | 6 .. | 10 .. | S.C.C.U. |
| " 13 | Y.M.C.A. | N. London II .. | 6½ .. | 1½ .. | L.C.L.C. |
| " 14 | Ludeagle | West London .. | 9 .. | 11 .. | L.C.L.A. |
| " 14 | Metropolitan | Hampstead .. | 7 .. | 13 .. | L.C.L.A. |
| " 15 | Savile Club | Constitutional C. | 1½ .. | 4½ .. | H.-R.C. |
| " 15 | Greenock | Glasgow T.T. .. | 6½ .. | 5½ .. | friendly |
| " 16 | Leeds II | Huddersfield II .. | 7½ .. | 2½ .. | I.M.B.S. |
| " 16 | Sheffield II | Bradford II .. | 7 .. | 2* .. | I.M.B.S. |
| " 19 | R.A.C. | Lloyds' Bank .. | 7 .. | 13 .. | friendly |
| " 19 | Hampstead | Battleaxe | 6½ .. | 1½ .. | L.C.L.C. |
| " 21 | Athenaeum | Bohemians | 11 .. | 9 .. | L.C.L.A. |
| " 23 | Middlesex | Surrey | 7 .. | 13 .. | S.C.C.U. |
| " 23 | Middlesex | Essex | 26 .. | 22 .. | M.C.C. |
| " 23 | Leicestershire .. | Shropshire .. | 11½ .. | 3½ .. | M.C.C.U. |
| " 23 | Manchester Univ. .. | Birmingham Un. | 3½ .. | 2½ .. | friendly |

NEWS FROM THE DOMINIONS AND FOREIGN LANDS.

New Zealand.—The thirty-third contest for the championship of the Dominion opened at Wellington on Boxing Day and concluded on January 5th. Owing to the large number of entries—twenty, including J. B. Dunlop, who has held the title for the past three years, and Spencer Crackanthorp, of Sydney, N.S.W.—two sections were played, the four leading scorers in each going into the final pool, but not having to meet the competitors from their own sections again. Thus only thirteen rounds in all were required to complete the tournament.

The result was a fine victory for the one visiting player, Crackanthorp, whose score in the final was 5 wins and 2 draws=6 points. J. A. Moir (Auckland) scored 2 wins and 5 draws, but his points were equalled by E. H. Severne (Nelson) and A. W. Gyles (Wellington South), all standing at 4½. Just outside the prize-list was the holder, Dunlop (Oamaru), 3½. R. J. Barnes (Wellington), 2½; F. L. Vaughan (Auckland) and E. E. Hicks (Ngaio), 1, were the other finalists.

Two special prizes, for “brilliancy” and “best recovery,” both presented by Mr. Dirk Pihl, of Canterbury, have yet to be awarded.

Our friend F. K. Kelling points out that the number of competitors this time equals the record made at the Christchurch Exhibition congress, 1906-7; that it was at that meeting that the N.Z.C.A. recognised the principle of the “open door” by allowing Messrs. W. S. Viner (Perth, W.A.) and Crackanthorp to compete—and take first and second prizes respectively; and that New South Wales, the present champion's native state, is often referred to as the “Mother State” of New Zealand.

South Africa.—We have to acknowledge the receipt of the annual report of the Pretoria Chess Club, which, only resuscitated in October, 1922, had in a year's time a membership of sixty. Congratulations!

F. W. Dunbar has won the championship of the Pretoria C.C. with a score of 7½ points out of a possible 10.

An 18-a-side match was played at Pretoria, on “Diagaan's Day,” between the home team and the Union Club, Johannesburg. The visitors won by 28—8; but F. W. Dunbar, the Pretoria top-board defeated his opponent, L. H. Cohen.

H. Murchie has won the championship of the Railway and Harbour Institute, Durban, with a clean score, while the club handicap has been won by G. Lawrie.

The closing match of the season between the Durban C.C. and the R. & H.I. resulted in a narrow victory for the former by 5—4.

Capetown, Johannesburg, Pretoria and Maritzburg have all promised their support to the proposal to hold the S.A. championship congress at Durban this year.

British Guiana.—The third contest for the championship of the Citizens' Chess Club, with the Wood Davis gold medal, has been won by V. Goulding, with a score of 11 in 12 games. L. Dummett was second with 9 points.

United States.—We have now had from our friend Edward Lasker a long letter explaining the circumstances surrounding the resumption of the adjourned seventh game in his match with Marshall for the American championship. We have reluctantly come to the opinion that we cannot re-open our pages to a discussion of the affair. For one thing, this is *The British Chess Magazine*, and it is not our practice to devote undue attention to the chess affairs of other countries unless they directly affect the best interests of the game. Secondly—and here arise the questions, not only of space, but also of policy—we cannot publish in full the statements of one party to a quarrel without publishing, also in full, the statements of the other party. If we “cut” one and not the other, we render ourselves open to an accusation of *partie prise*. We hope to retain both Marshall and Lasker as friends; if not, it will not be through a lack of impartiality shown in our pages. We must be allowed, therefore, at this stage to take refuge in the editorial formula, “This correspondence must now close.”

We may note, however, that the prospects of a return match between Marshall and Lasker for the U.S. championship do not seem good, as Lasker complains that the holder of the title has made the conditions of such a match too arduous. We record this “without prejudice.”

The American Chess Bulletin gives the figures of Alekhine's exhibition tour to January 21st—including apparently all the Canadian figures—as follows: Played 396; won 332; drawn 50; lost 24. Some of these exhibitions were blindfold. At the Manhattan C.C. on January 19th and at Baltimore two days later he took on teams of 10 *sans voir*, scoring 8 wins and 2 draws on the first occasion, 7 wins and 3 draws on the second. His fine and very unlaboured style has made a great impression in the States.

The two annual contests among American University players were duly brought off at the end of December. In the thirty-first “C.H.Y.P.” tournament Columbia won an easy victory over all their opponents, Princetown coming out second, Yale third, and Harvard last. In the twenty-fifth Intercollegiate Chess League tournament the City College scored an even more complete victory (11½ games to ½ in 3 matches!), New York University being second, Pennsylvania third, and Cornell last. City College has challenged Columbia to a match.

In recent matches in New York, Kupchik defeated Tenner 3—0, with 2 draws; and Schapiro scored 2—I, with 3 draws, in a match for the first 3 wins against Jaffe.

[France.—The French Chess Federation is holding a two-days' "propaganda tournament" at Easter, in some town chosen by lot. Four players will take part, also chosen by lot among entrants affiliated to the Federation. The idea seems a new one. The first prize is 1,000 francs.

We have received the ninth bulletin of the Federation; and also that of "L'Echiquier d'Acquitaine" (Bordeaux), which has now completed its ninth year.

Germany.—At the second East German Chess Congress at Danzig in October last, the master tournament was won by Herr Wechselmann, of Königsberg, with a score of 5 out of 8.

For the mastership of Berlin the best entry on record is reported: Ahues, Dührssen, B. and W. Koch, Pahl, Post, Richter, Schlage, Teichmann, Wegemund, Westphal, and Zander. Play began on the 15th ult.

Brazil.—The match between Dr. Souza Mendes and J. Schriebmann has ended in a victory for the former by 5—4.

Argentina.—There seems to have been an unfortunate split between the Argentine Chess Federation and the leading chess club of the country, the "Club Argentine de Ajedrez" (Buenos Aires), leading to a withdrawal of that club from the Federation. We are unable, nor are we willing, to go into the merits of the dispute; but we regret to see it, when the great need in chess politics is national unity, with a view to the formation of the International Federation.

The most notable result of the split is the issue of *El Ajedrez Argentino*, a monthly magazine, which commenced publication in Buenos Aires in November last, and of which we have to acknowledge the receipt of the first two numbers. This is the Federation's official organ, and is under the editorship of Sr. D. M. Reca, assisted by a strong staff. From it we see that a new contest for the Argentine championship is on foot. The present holder of the title, Benito H. Villegas, together with R. Illa, D. M. Reca, and those among certain chosen players who survive a qualifying test, will fight this out early in the current year.

Meanwhile, the championship of the Club Argentine de Ajedrez has been won by Enerique Ibañez, who, in a match defeated the previous holder, C. M. Portela, by $3\frac{1}{2}$ — $1\frac{1}{2}$. However, in a double-round tournament of five players, all ex-champions, which has been held at the club since, Portela came out first, with a score of 6 points, Villegas and J. A. Lynch scoring 5 each, and Ibanez and L. M. Carranza 2 each.

The Argentine Chess Federation now includes twenty constituent clubs.

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CHESS FOR BEGINNERS

(Continued from page 70, Vol. XLIV.).

Solvers only number 33 this month, which is very disappointing. The leader's solutions did not arrive till February 7th and therefore I cannot give him credit for them. F. M. Reade climbs the ladder for the second time. Most solvers found 133 difficult, and while the greater number had the right idea in 134, most failed to find the best line, while the majority solved 135, though many followed 1 Q—Q 3, R—B 1 with 2 Q×RP, and I was pleased to find most of the "regulars" solved 136 correctly. The scores are: F. M. Reade (1), 315, 2, 4, 5, 5, 331; R. Mathieson, 316, 2, 2, 3, 5 (received February 7th), 316; A. D. C. Amos (1), 290, 3, 3, 5, 5, 306; C. Ellice, 257, 2, 3, 5, 5, 272; Rev. J. B. Bourne (1), 229, 2, —, 3, —, 244; "R.W.E.," 206, 5, 3, 5, 5, 224; "G.A.W." (1), 204, 3, 2, 5, 5, 219; C. C. Excell, 199, 4, 4, 4, 5, 216; "N.M." (2), 189, 3, 3, 3, 5, 203; "H.D.B." (129/132), 3, 5, 5, —, 192; "A.W.T.H.," 167, 3, 4, 2, 2, 178; T. E. Storrs, 143, 4, 3, 4, 5, 159; "C.P." (1), 147, 2, 1, 3, 153; D. E. Budge (1), 141, 2, 3, 3, 3, 152; C. S. Ashley, 145, no solutions; J. A. Evans (1), 112, 3, 3, 2, 2, 122; "J.W.T.," 108, 3, 2, 2, 5, 120; C. J. Cole (1), 99, 3, 2, 5, 3, 112; A. E. Smith (1), 90, 2, 3, 4, 2, 101; Wm. Skirrow (1), 88, 3, 3, 3, 3, 100; "F.H." (1), 100, no solutions; C. Skertchley, 50, 2, 2, 4, 5, 63; C. H. Jago, 47, 2, 5, 4, 2, 60; "Tyro" (1), 51, 3, 3, 3, 0, 60; "A.M.H." (1), 60, no solutions; Geo. Thompson, 49, —, 1, 5, 3, 58; "Worton," 55, no solutions; "M.K.," 41, 2, 2, 5, 1, 51; D. R. Langton (1), 42, 3, —, 5, —, 50; A. Lockley (1), 39, 3, 1, 4, 2, 49; R. N. Murray, 49, no solutions; H. M. Baldrey (1), 38, no solutions; "Clare," 31, 4, 3, 5, 5, 48; J. G. Duffell, 34, 2, 3, 3, 5, 47; L. Illingworth, 28, 2, 3, 5, 5, 43; "C.S.M." (1), 26, 3, 2, 4, 5, 40; J. C. Derlien, 23, —, 3, 5, 5, 36; A. G. Allen (2), 15, 3, 5, 5, 5, 33; "Moseley" (1), —, 4, 3, 5, 5, 17; C. G. Caldecott, 2, 3, 5, 3, 13.

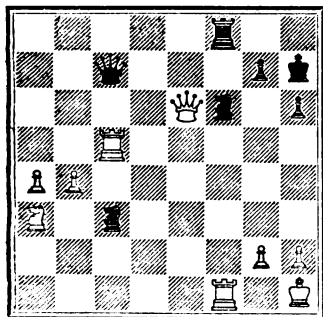
Problems 137 and 138 (page 69) were as follows:—

Problem No. 137.

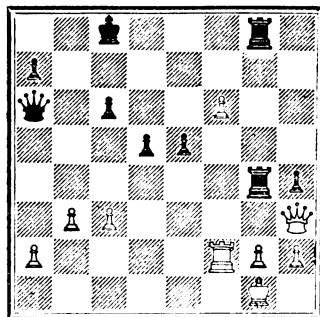
Problem No. 138.

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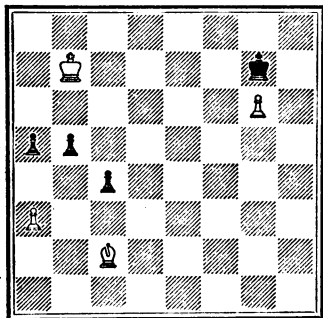
Black to play. What should
be the result?

Black to play.
How should he continue?

The solution of **137**, which is from a game of R. Hoffers, quoted in the *Deutsche Schachzeitung* on page 313, 1880, Black plays 1... Kt—Kt 5, threatening both Q×R P mate and R×R mate, and yet the game is a draw, for White plays 2 Q—Kt 8 ch. Black must not play 2... K×Q, for 3 R×R ch, K×R; 4 R×Q. He must play 2... K—Kt 3, and White draws by Q—K 6 ch; if 3 R—B 6 ch, K—R 4; 4 R—B 5 ch, P—Kt 4. **138** from a game between J. A. J. Drewitt and E. G. Sergeant, in the recent Sussex v. Middlesex match, Black played Q—R 6 and had to be content with a draw, but 1... K—B 2; 2 P—B 7, R—K 5!; 3 R—B 1, R—K B 1; 4 Q—K 6, Q—B 1! wins comfortably; best for White is 2 Q×R, R×Q; 3 P—B 7, Q—R 6; 4 P=Q, Q×Q; 39 R×Q, but Black has a winning ending. Problems No. 139 and 140 (page 70) were as follows:—

Problem No. 139.

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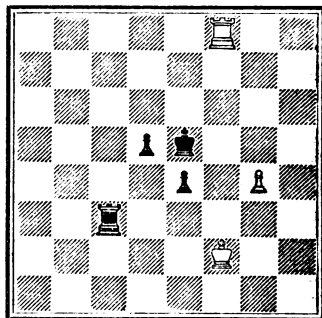
WHITE (4 pieces)

Black to play.

What result and how?

Problem No. 140.

BLACK (4 pieces)



WHITE (3 pieces)

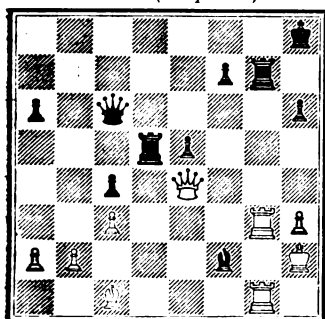
Black to play.

What result and how?

The solution of **139** which is an end-game by Horwitz, published in *Chess Monthly*, 1884, page 319 is 1... P—R 4; 2 K—B 6, P—Kt 5; 3 P×P, P—R 6; 4 P—Kt 5, P—R 7; 5 P—Kt 6, P—R 8 (Q); 6 P—Kt 7, Q—Kt 7; 7 K—B 7, Q×B; 8 P—Kt 8 (Q), Q—R 7 ch, and wins. If 7 B—K 4, P—B 6; 8 K—B 2, P—B 7; 9 B×P, Q×B ch, or if 7 K—B 4, Q×P; 8 K×P, Q—B 2 ch; 9 K—Kt 3, K—B 3. 1... P—Kt 4 will not win. 2 P—R 4, P—Kt 6; 3 B—Q 1, This and problem 137 were taken from J. Berger's *Theorie und Praxis der Endspiele*. Problem **140** is from a position in a game between R. C. Griffith and Mrs. S. J. Holloway at the London Chess League congress. The game was drawn by 1... K—Q 5; 2 P—Kt 5, K—Q 6; 3 P—Kt 6, P—K 6 ch; 4 K—B 3, P—K 7?; 5 R—K 8, R—B 3; 6 R—K 3 ch, K—Q 4; 7 K×P, but should have been won by Black, though care is required. One way seems to be 1... P—Q 5; 2 R—B 5 ch, K—K 3; 3 R—B 4, R—B 7 ch; 4 K—B 1, K—Q 4; 5 R—B 5 ch, K—B 5; 6 P—Kt 5, P—Q 6; 7 P—Kt 6, R—B 8 ch; 8 K—Kt 2, P—Q 7; 9 P—Kt 7, R—Kt 8 ch; 10 K×R, P—Q 8 (Q) ch.

Problem No. 141.

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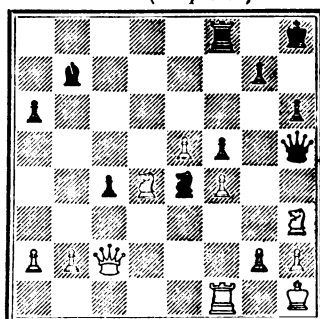


WHITE (9 pieces)

How should White
continue ?

Problem No. 142.

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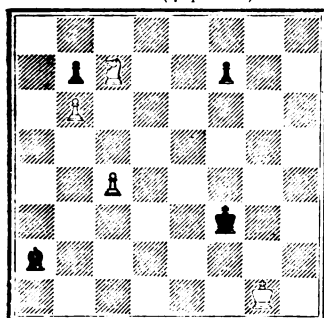


WHITE (11 pieces)

How should Black
continue ?

Problem No. 143.

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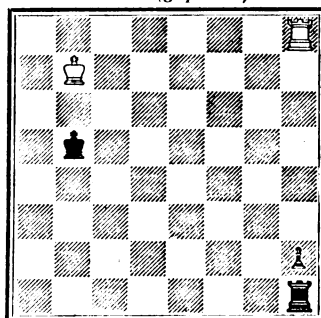


WHITE (4 pieces)

White to play.
What result and how ?

Problem No. 144.

BLACK (3 pieces)



WHITE (2 pieces)

Black to play.
What result and how ?

Solutions to be sent to R. C. Griffith, 18 Wedderburn Road,
London, N.W.3, by March 31st, 1924.

OBITUARY.

We much regret to hear of the death, at Paignton, on February 1st, of Mrs. W. J. Baird, much the most distinguished of women problem-composers throughout the world. As our problem editors will no doubt deal fully with her work and her triumphs, we shall say no more here that she took a keen interest in chess over-the-board also, and in 1897 secured the county championship of Sussex among players of her own sex. By birth she was a Winter-Wood and thus a member of a distinguished West of England chess family.

THE BRITISH CORRESPONDENCE CHESS ASSOCIATION.

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Matches.—A match has been arranged against the Poor Law Officers' Correspondence Chess League, the teams being given below. We have endeavoured to choose a team equal in strength to that of our opponents. Play began on February 18th, and we have the move on the odd-numbered boards.

B.C.C.A. : 1, A. F. Anderton ; 2, D. Hume ; 3, J. Hapgood ; 4, S. Hussian ; 5, C. S. Ashley ; 6, O. Newbold. Poor Law Officers' C.C.L. : 1, D. Love ; 2, D. Love ; 3, C. S. Burton ; 4, B. C. Amies ; 5, T. F. Prangnell ; 6, E. Parkin.

The *Chess Amateur* have challenged us to a return match, which will probably start towards the end of March. In view of the expense and time involved, we are not sending out invitations to play, but the B.C.C.A. team will be chosen from those members who, in September last, expressed their willingness to play for us. If any such player now finds himself unable to take part in the match, we would be glad if he would notify us.

The response to the application for photographs has not been as ready as we should have liked, although those who have sent them have expressed their pleasure at the introduction of the scheme. As there appears to be a little misconception, we should like to make it clear that the photographs would be placed in an album and sent from one member to another, until they had been seen by all members taking part in the scheme. The photograph need not be an elaborate affair, in fact a post card or carte-de-visite type would better serve the purpose. We again appeal to all members to assist us in giving the innovation a fair trial.

Trophies Tourney.—Results are coming to hand quickly now, and they point to many close struggles. The position in Class 1a is especially interesting ; both of the joint holders of the Trophy have already suffered defeat.

Results.—Class 1a : Illingworth 1, Holmes 0 ; Ffoulkes 1, Gunston 0 ; Gunston 1, Bodkin 0. Class 1b : Sheppard 1, Bussell 0 ; Sheppard 1, Rhead 0 ; Matthews 1, Rhead 0 ; Rhead 1, Cope 0 ; Rhead 1, Mogg 0 ; Jones, E. M. 1, Mogg 0 ; Sparke 1, Matthews 0. Class 2a : Rutherford $\frac{1}{2}$, Colborne $\frac{1}{2}$; Finch 1, Wilson 0. Class 2b : Kitchener 1, Brayne 0 ; Kitchener 1, Toledano 0 ; Terry 1, Brayne 0 ; Jayne 1, Kitchener 0. Class 3a : Miss Abraham $\frac{1}{2}$, Henderson $\frac{1}{2}$;

Snook 1, Hibbert 0; Henderson 1, Shead 0; Munro 1, Murray 0. Class 3b: Gurney $\frac{1}{2}$, Rynders $\frac{1}{2}$; Lesser $\frac{1}{2}$, Rynders $\frac{1}{2}$; Lesser $\frac{1}{2}$. Bardsley $\frac{1}{2}$. Class 4a: Walton beat Goodwin, Thomas and Holmes, Class 4b: Moon retires—score cancelled; Anderton 1, Day 0; Behrndt 1, Doyle 0; Cottee 1, Seymour 0; Cottee 1, Day 0; Wood 1, Doyle 0. Class 4c: McClusky 1, McKellen 0; Pugh 1, Lord 0; McKellen 1, Lord 0. Class 5a: Davis 1, Ashley 0; Gracey 1, Beckwith 0; Gracey 1, Edwards 0. Class 5b: Coole 1, Baker 0; Curson 1, Burton 0; Houghton 1, Price 0; Cave retires—score cancelled; Halford 1, Baker 0. Class 5c: Miss Eveling 1, Folley 0.

Handicap Tourney.—The following names should be added to the classification list. Class 2: J. Holland. Class 1: E. W. Carmichael. Class 4: A. Farr and T. O'Brien. Promotions: P. Cottee (3), J. L. Rynders (2). Relegations: C. S. Burton (4), P. H. Moon (4), B. B. Cornwell (3).

Additional Results.—*Wins*: Anderton v. Seymour, Day (2), Moon (2); Bardsley v. Burton, Thomas (2); Chambers v. Mogg, Murray (2); Collins v. Miss Drummond (2); Curson v. Miss Eveling, Ward; Dancer v. Chambers; Davis v. Shead; Gale v. Jones (2); Hume v. Moon (2); Laslet v. Maden; Lord, A. H. v. Miss Chater; Matthews v. Hunte (2); Munro v. Hirst; Newbold v. Burton; Mrs. Pullin v. Goodwin (2); Simpson v. Matthews; Simeon v. Miss Chater; Snook v. Behrndt (2), McKellan; Wilcox v. Lister, Brady, Duffell; Ward v. Curson; Windybank v. P. Wilson; Walton v. Cornwell (2). *Draws*: Mrs. Pullin v. Bardsley; Gurney v. Lesser; Seymour v. Rynders.

GAME No. $\frac{1}{2}\%*=?$

Played recently in Mckow, with the condition that no capturing should be allowed except when giving mate. Notes by C. D. Locock.

Bolshevik Opening.

| WHITE | BLACK | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|---|
| B. LUNDERBUSKI | M. HRVXKJ | 6 B—Q Kt 2 6 Kt—R 2 |
| 1 P—K Kt 3 | |A trap. White however declines to fall in. |
| Already preparing for his 26th move! | | 7 Kt—K R 3 7 P—R 5 |
| | | 8 P—B 5 8 P—R 4 |
| | | 9 Kt—B 3 9 R—R 3 |
| | | 10 P—K 5? 10 R—Q 3! |
| | | 11 B—R 6 11 R—Q 6 |
| 2 P—Q B 4 | 1 Kt—K B 3 |Herr Hrvxkj has cleverly succeeded in driving a wedge into his opponent's weakened centre. |
| 3 P—Q Kt 4 | 2 P—K Kt 3 | |
| 4 P—K 4 | 3 B—R 3 | |
| 5 P—Q R 4 | 4 B—K 6! | |
| | 5 P—K R 4 | |

The latter has perhaps some compensation in the partially complete semi-upright-grand major strategical formation on the Queen's wing. This however in itself should not be sufficient to win.

12 Kt—Q Kt 5 12 P—Q 3
 13 Kt—R 7 13 B—K 3
 14 P—Kt 5 14 Q—B 1
 15 K—K 2 15 K—Q 2
 16 Q—K Kt 1 16 B—R 7
 17 P—B 6 ch

Apparently strong, but not in reality so good as it looks.

17 K—K 3
 18 R—Q 1

The *Handbuch* gives here R—K B 1, but Griffith and White prefer the text move, which seems at least equally good.

18 K—Q 4
 19 Kt—B 4 ch 19 K—B 5
 20 K—B 3 20 Q—Kt 5 ch

.....Black has now the better game.

21 K—K 4 21 Kt—Q 2
 22 P—K 6 22 K—Kt 6
 23 B—Kt 7

It was perhaps necessary to save the Bishop, which was attacked, but his next move is quite unintelligible.

23 B—Q 5!
 24 B—B 8? 24 Kt—Kt 4 ch
 25 K—Q 5 25 R—R 4
 26 Kt—Kt 2!! 26 Resigns

.....A bystander pointed out that Black had a forced win here. Herr Hrvxkj, in an interview with a representative of the *Moskow Dellimelski*, stated that he was fully aware that he had 29 mates on the move at his disposal; but under pressure of the time-limit he was unable to make up his mind as to which method was the best, and so felt compelled to resign.

OBITUARY.

The death occurred in Berlin on January 31st of Curt von Bardeleben, the celebrated German master, who was in his 62nd year. Attaining master-rank by winning the *Hauptturnier* at the Berlin congress of 1881, and then coming out first in the Vizayanagaram (minor) tourney in London, 1883, he appeared at Nuremberg the same year and took fifth prize, after Winawer, Blackburne, Mason and Berger. At Frankfurt in 1887 he was fourth, after Mackenzie, Blackburne and Weiss. Next year he came over to the Bradford tournament and tied with Mason for third prize, after Gunsberg and Mackenzie. Equal fourth at Breslau, 1889; equal sixth at Dresden, 1892; equal seventh at Hastings, 1895; he failed at Berlin, 1897, Munich, 1900, and Hanover, 1902; but in the German Chess Association's meeting at Coburg, 1904, he divided first to third prizes with Schlechter and Swiderski. Though he competed in a few master tournaments later he did not win any more prizes. His record, however, clearly entitles him to a very honourable place among the leading players for nearly a quarter of a century.

In addition Herr Von Bardeleben made valuable contributions to the literature and theory of chess.

The death is also announced of Giorgio Guidelli, the Italian problemist, aged only 26.

GAME DEPARTMENT

GAME NO. 5,193.

Played in a tournament at Vienna in November last. Notes by Dr. S. Tartakover from the *Neue Wiener Schachzeitung*.

King's Gambit Declined.

WHITE BLACK
Dr. S. TARTAKOVER E. GRÜNFELD

1 P—K 4 I P—K 4
2 P—K B 4

An old-renowned and (in my opinion) very solid continuation, to which I was instigated by Spielmann's recent article in *Kagan's Neueste Schachnachrichten* entitled "From the Sickbed of the King's Gambit." The article is extraordinarily plastic and instructive, but might more fitly be called "From the Triumph-seat of the King's Gambit," as its course speaks rather in favour of this opening.

2 P—Q 4

.....Upon 2... P×P might follow 3 B—B 4, Kt—K B 3; 4 Kt—Q B 3, P—B 3 ("A very notable novelty of mine," says Bogoljubow in the *Book of the Carlsbad Tournament*. To be sure the move had already been the subject of a close analysis by the great theorist Jaenisch some generations back); 5 Q—B 3 (in the games Spielmann v. Bogoljubow at Carlsbad and Mährisch-Ostrau, the inferior moves 5 P—Q 4 and 5 B—Kt 3 were played), Q—K 2 (a correspondence game between Shanghai and Tschifu was continued 5... P—Q 4; 6 P×P, B—Q 3; 7 P—Q 3, etc., to the advantage of White, as given in the *Handbuch*); 6 Kt—K 2, whereby the spectre feared by Spielmann of 6... P—Q Kt 4 is in my opinion laid by 7 B×Kt P!, P×B; 8 P—K 5.

3 P—Q 4

In the erroneous assumption that he was playing something new; for as Black immediately established the move had already occurred in a correspondence game S. R. Wolf v. Professor Becker.

3 P×Q P

.....Leads to a dissolution of the centre, whereas upon 3... P×K P; 4 B P×P could follow. There was also to consider 3... P×B P; 4 P×Q P, Q—R 5 ch; 5 K—K 2, Q—K 2 ch; 6 K—B 2, with complications interesting for both sides similar to those of the Steinitz Gambit.

4 Q×P

The continuation 4 P—K 5, P—Q B 4; 5 Kt—K B 3, Kt—Q B 3; 6 P—B 3, etc. is less plain and therefore unsuitable to my style of play.

4 Kt—K B 3

5 P×P

There was a pitfall here in 5 P—K 5, Kt—K 5; 6 Kt—Q B 3, B—Q B 4; 7 Q×Q P, B—B 7 ch, with 8... Kt×Kt ch to follow, winning the Queen.

5 Q×P

.....Now follows for some moves an interesting opposition of the two Queens.

6 Kt—K B 3

6 Q×Q was faulty; 6... Kt×Q; 7 B—Q 2, B—K B 4; or 7 B—B 4, Kt—Kt 5; 8 Kt—Q R 3, B—K B 4 with advantage of position for Black;

6 Kt—B 3

7 Q—K 3 ch

After 7 Q×Q, Kt×Q; 8 B—Kt 5, B—Q 2, or 8 B—B 4, Q Kt—Kt 5; 9 Kt—R 3, Kt—R 4, etc., White would again have had great difficulties to contend with, as all the Black pieces threaten to take part effectively in the fray.

7 Q—K 5

.....The complications after 7... B—K 3; 8 Kt—B 3 (8 B—

Q 2, B—B 4; 9 Q—K 2 is also worth considering), B—Kt 5; 9 B—Q 2, B×Kt; 10 B×B, etc., would not have been very uncanny for Black.

- 8 Kt—B 3 8 B—Q Kt 5
9 B—Q 3 9 Q×Q ch
10 B×Q 10 Kt—Q 4
11 B—Q 2 11 Kt×Kt
12 P×Kt 12 B—Q B 4

.....The plans of both sides have now become clear. Black relies upon the deterioration of his opponent's Pawn position, White upon his freer piece position.

13 Castles Q R 13 Castles

.....Games in which the players Castle on opposite sides are comparable to a South American prairie fight of rifle against lasso.

14 P—B 5!

In spite of the early exchange of Queens White is able to paralyse the opposing forces and to institute a violent King's side attack.

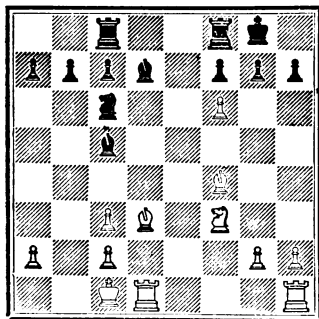
- 14 B—Q 2
15 B—K B 4 15 Q R—B 1

.....If 15.., B—Kt 3 or Kt—K 2 the following advance of 16 P—B 6 (threatening B×P ch and R×B) would gain in force.

16 P—B 6

Position after 16 P—B 6.

BLACK (GRÜNFIELD)



WHITE (TARTAKOVER)

After 16 P—Kt 4 (in order to keep the Black Bishop confined as long as possible) Black would by clustering his forces (16..,

K R—Q 1; 17 B—K 4, Kt—R 4; 15 Kt—K 5, B—K 1) be able to, free himself. White resolves, therefore, to try a high pressure method.

16 B—K 3!

.....Released!

- 17 Kt—Kt 5 17 P—K R 3

.....Black defends himself with vigour. After 17.., P—K Kt 3 there would follow 18 Kt×B, P×Kt; 19 B—B 4, R×P; 20 B—Kt 5, winning the Exchange for White; whilst 17.., B×P was less satisfactory on account of 18 B×P ch, K—R 1; 19 P×P ch, K×P; 20 K—Kt 2 (better than 20 B—B 5, B—R 6 ch; 21 K—Q 2, Q R—Q 1 ch), B—K 3; 21 B—K 4, etc.

- 18 P×P 18 K×P
19 Kt—K 4

More lasting than 19 Kt×B ch, P×Kt; 20 B—Kt 3 (20 K R—B 1, R×B; 21 R×R, B—K 6 ch) B—K 6 ch; 21 K—Kt 2, B—K B 4 with great simplification of forces.

19 B—R 6 ch

.....A sharp turn would have been 19.., B—K 2; 20 Kt—Kt 3!, B—Kt 4; 21 Kt—R 5 ch, K—R 1; 22 B×B, P×B; 23 P—K R 4! (23.., B—Kt 5; 24 P×P wins).

- 20 K—Kt 1 20 Kt—K 2

.....Black now threatens to obtain a counter attack.

21 Kt—Kt 3!

White would get nothing by 21 B—K 5 ch, P—B 3. The preparatory moves of 21 P—B 4 and 21 K R—B 1 were worth considering, e.g., 21 K R—B 1, Kt—Q 4 (... Kt—Kt 3 is better); 22 B—Q 2, P—Q B 4; 23 P—B 4, R—B 3; 24 K—R 1, etc. The text-move, however, presents the most precise use of White's positional advantage, as it threatens immediately Kt—R 5 ch and hinders ... P—K B 4.

21 B—Kt 5

- 22 Q R—K B 1 22 B—Q 3

.....Best! 22.., Kt—Kt 3; 3 P—R 3, Kt×B; 24 P×B would lead to an early decision.

23 P—K R 3 23 B×B
 24 R×B 24 B—K 3
 25 Kt—R 5 ch 25 K—R 1
 26 K R—K B 1

The offer of the Exchange by
 26 R—B 6, Kt—Kt 1; 27 K R—
 K B 1, Kt×R; 28 R×Kt, K R—
 Q 1 was hardly correct. The text-
 move strengthens considerably
 White's mating threat.

26 Kt—Q 4
 27 R—K R 4 27 Kt×P ch
 28 K—Kt 2 28 Kt—Q 4
 29 Kt—B 6

Under time pressure White
 resolves to be content with a small
 advantage, as the complications
 after 29 P—B 4, Kt—Kt 5;
 30 B—Kt 1, P—K B 4 (*e.g.*)
 31 Kt—B 4, R—B 3; 32 Kt×B.
 R×Kt; 33 B×P, R—B 1, etc.,
 were very difficult to see through,

29 K—Kt 2 ?

.....White, being as stated,
 very short of time, Black must
 needs make his move instantly,
 thereby running unsuspectingly
 into the mating net. 29..., Kt×Kt
 was the obvious move; and as
 the player of White is well known
 to be no methodic end-game player
 it is questionable whether he
 would be able to convert his slight
 advantage (the possession of a
 fine passed Pawn at K R 3, whilst
 the Black cluster of Queen's side
 Pawns is difficult to handle) into
 a win. To be sure Black had
 planned after 29..., Kt×Kt to
 play 30 R×P ch, K—Kt 2;
 31 R (R 6)×Kt, R—K R 1; 32 R
 —B 4 maintaining pressure.

30 Kt×Kt 30 B×Kt
 31 R—Kt 4 ch 31 K—R 1
 32 R—B 6 32 Resigns

GAME No. 5,194.

Played in the same tournament. Notes (abridged) by Dr. S.
 Tartakover from *Kagan's Neueste Schachnachrichten*.
Irregular Opening.

| WHITE | BLACK |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| R. RETI | Dr. GRUBER |
| 1 Kt—K B 3 | 1 Kt—K B 3 |
|Simplest and best should | |
| be 1..., P—Q 4, whereupon, how- | |
| ever, White need not transpose | |
| into the Queen's Gambit, but by | |
| 2 P—B 4 can bring about new | |
| and pleasing complications in the | |
| centre. | |
| 2 P—B 4 | 2 P—Q 3 |
| 3 P—K Kt 3 | 3 B—B 4 |
| 4 B—Kt 2 | 4 P—B 3 |

.....The range of the White
 King's Bishop must be restricted.
 5 P—Kt 3

We are witnessing the birth of a
 new opening strategy; the wings
 are mobilised, the centre remains
 intact as long as possible, in
 order to break through upon the
 least error of the adversary.

5 Q—B 1

.....Hindering for a long time
 his opponent's Castling, as that
 operation would now entail the

exchange of the important Bishop
 at K Kt 2 (by ..., B—R 6).

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| 6 P—K R 3 | 6 P—K 4 |
| 7 B—Kt 2 | 7 Kt—R 3 |

.....Apparently Black has
 chosen a solid defensive system
 (with Pawns at K 4, Q 3 and
 Q B 3), and has even the greater
 command of the centre; but he
 cannot further strengthen his
 position so long as the hostile
 position exhibits no weaknesses.

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| 8 Kt—B 3 | 8 P—K R 3 |
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.....With the not very happy
 idea of keeping his Bishop on the
 diagonal K R 2 to Q Kt 8.

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| 9 P—Q 3 | 9 B—K 2 |
| 10 Q—Q 2 | 10 Kt—B 2 |
| 11 Kt—Q 1 | 11 Castles |
| 12 Kt—K 3 | 12 B—R 2 |

.....See the preceding note.
 We should prefer 12..., B—K 3.

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| 13 Castles K R | 13 Kt—Q 2 |
| 14 Kt—R 2 | 14 Kt—K 3 |
| 15 P—B 4 | 15 P×P |

16 P×P

16 P—K B 4

20 Kt—Q 5!

.....Necessary in order to forestall the dangerous advance of White's Pawn to K B 5, but it shows that his 12th move was a voluntary banishment of his Bishop.

17 K—R 1

17 Kt—B 3

18 R—K Kt 1

Foreshadowing the offer of a Pawn in the interest of his attack; but the consequences had to be very closely reckoned.

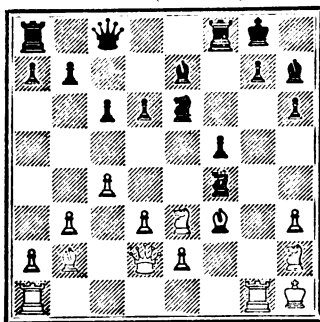
18 Kt—R 4

.....However desirable it may seem to threaten ..., Kt—Kt 6 mate, it was in reality more prudent not to stir this important defensive piece, but to look for a measured defence against the threatened storm (e.g., ..., K—R 1).

19 B—K B 3 19 K Kt×P

Position after 19..., K Kt×P.

BLACK (GRUBER)



WHITE (RETI)

After this exquisite Knight-move the Black stronghold falls in like a house of cards, and White, thanks to various mating threats, gains a piece.

20 Kt×Kt

.....If 20..., P×Kt the Queen sacrifice is decisive; e.g., 21 Q×Kt!, Kt×Q; 22 R×P ch, K—R 1; 23 R×K B ch, R—B 3; 24 B×R ch, K—Kt 1; 25 R—K Kt 1 ch, etc.

21 P×Kt

21 B—Kt 4

.....Even this diversion does not enable Black to escape the threatened loss, for now the White combination reaches its climax.

22 P×Kt!

Charming! If 22..., B×Q then 23 R×P ch with mate in three more moves. Now Black has a piece less with a bad position, so that the remainder is of no importance. There followed:—

22 Q×P

23 Q—B 3

Under extreme time pressure White takes things leisurely in preference to the rougher way of 23 R×B.

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| 24 Q—Q 2 | 24 K—R 1 |
| 25 R—Kt 2 | 25 R—B 2 |
| 26 Q R—K Kt 1 | 26 B—K 4 |
| 27 P—Q 4 | 27 B—B 3 |
| 28 P—Q 5! | Resigns |

.....A brilliant production.

GAME NO. 5, 195.

Played in the same tournament. Notes by Dr. S. Tartakover (abridged) from *Kagan's Neueste Schachnachrichten*.

Irregular Opening.

| WHITE | BLACK |
|------------|------------------|
| R. RETI | Professor BECKER |
| 1 K Kt—B 3 | 1 K Kt—B 3 |
| 2 P—B 4 | 2 P—B 4 |

.....Black attempts a system of imitation worthy of being imitated, to which White however soon commands a halt.

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| 3 P—K Kt 3 | 3 P—K Kt 3 |
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|----------|-----------|
| 4 B—Kt 2 | 4 B—Kt 2 |
| 5 Kt—B 3 | 5 Kt—B 3 |
| 6 P—Q 3 | 6 Castles |

.....Black's hopes cannot lie in a continued symmetry, but only in the hope of being able to operate in the centre better than his opponent; he therefore reserves his Queen's Pawn a little longer.

7 B—K 3 7 P—Q 3
8 P—K R 3

Compare the Mährisch-Ostrau game, Reti v. Grünfeld (Game No. 5, 188, *B.C.M.*, February). Here Reti forms another plan; and may even be challenging the previous one, in order to renounce Castling himself and use the former plan as a mark for attack.

8 B—Q 2
9 Q—Q 2 9 R—Kt 1

.....By this preparation against the hostile Queen's wing Black thinks to bring his opponent to reason—in other words to induce him to Castle quietly on the King's side. Reti, however, refuses to be turned aside.

10 B—R 6 10 Kt—K 1
11 P—K R 4 11 B—Kt 5
12 P—R 5 12 P×P
13 Kt—R 4! 13 Q—Q 2
14 B—K 4

This threatens perhaps 15 P—B 3, B—K 3 (15... P—B 4; 16 B×Kt, followed by 17 Castles Q R); 16 Q—Kt 5, P—B 4; 17 B—Q 5, R—B 3 (otherwise the important Pawn at K R 4 is lost); 18 Kt—B 5!, B×B; 19 Kt—Kt 7 and wins.

14 Kt—Q 5

.....A brilliant counter-stroke which indirectly aids his King's wing, and eventually also threatens 15... Kt—B 7 ch; 16 Q×Kt, B×B, mitigating the fury of White's attack. The complications begin to be boundless.

15 Castles Q R

The White King begins to feel unsafe in the centre. If 15 P—B 3 Black would by 15... P—B 4; 16 B—Q 5 ch, P—K 3, bring the tension to its utmost.

15 P—Q Kt 4!
16 P—B 3 16 P—Kt 5

.....How can White save himself?

17 Kt—Kt 5

The Black Knight at Q 5 must be driven from his domineering post, and the range of the Queen's

Rook be limited. If 17 Kt—Q 5, Kt×P ch!; 18 K—B 2 (18 Q×Kt, B—R 6; or 18 K—Kt 1, Kt—B 6 ch), Q—R 5 ch, Black wins. But now White has enormous difficulties to contend with.

17 Kt×P ch

18 K—B 2

If 18 K—Kt 1, Kt—B 6 ch wins.

18 Kt×P

19 P×B

19 Kt×B

.....The dangerous Bishop must absolutely be got rid of.

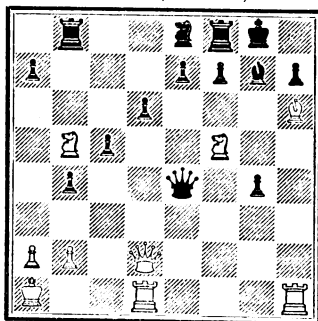
20 P×Kt 20 Q—K 3!

.....This attacks four different points: Q B 5, K 5, K Kt 5, K R 3. White can cover only one of them—fortunately, however, the most important.

21 Kt—B 5 21 Q×B P ch
22 K—Kt 1 22 Q×K P ch
23 K—R 1 23 P×P

Position after 23... P×P.

BLACK (BECKER)



WHITE (RETI)

.....A position of rare originality. Black has eight Pawns to White's two; besides which White's extra Knight (at Q Kt 5) has no retreat. Nevertheless, thanks to his open files, White is able to win.

24 B×B 24 Kt×B
25 Kt×Kt

It is easy to see that both players were very short of time. With 25 Kt—Kt 3, if Q—Kt 3; 26 R—R 6, White could, by forcing the Black Queen to give

up protecting the King's Rook's Pawn, win easily.

25 K×Kt
26 Q—R 6 ch 26 K—Kt 1?

.....See the previous note. It is self-evident that 26... K—R 1 was necessary, and Black then threatens to win by ... Q—Kt 2 and ... R×Kt. The best continuation (after 26... K—R 1) was the sacrificial 27 Kt×Q P, Q—Kt 3 (27... P×Kt; 28 Q—B 6 ch, K—Kt 1; 29 R—R 5 wins); 28 Q—B 4! (the end-game

after 28 Q×Q, B P×Q; 29 Kt—K 4 is more than equivocal), P×Kt; 29 R×P, with all sorts of disquieting chances. After the text-move Black is lost.

27 Q R—Kt 1 27 K—R 1
.....Or 27... Q—Kt 3;
28 R×P!
28 R×P 28 Q×K R ch
29 Q×Q 29 R—Kt 1
30 R×R ch Resigns
.....A game to take one's
breath away!

GAME No. 5, 196.

Played at board 1 in the recent match between the clubs of Liverpool and Manchester. Notes by J. H. Blake.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

| WHITE | BLACK |
|---------------|-----------------|
| Dr. H. HOLMES | W. A. FAIRHURST |
| (Liverpool) | (Manchester) |

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|------------|------------|
| 1 P—Q 4 | 1 P—Q 4 |
| 2 P—Q B 4 | 2 P—Q B 3 |
| 3 Kt—Q B 3 | 3 Kt—K B 3 |
| 4 Kt—B 3 | |

For his first four moves Black adopts a system of defence best known by its occurrence in the last game of the match, Lasker v. Schlechter (1910). Lasker as White played here 4 P—K 3.

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| | 4 P—K Kt 3 |
| 5 B—B 4 | 5 P×P |

.....Here Black deviates from his model; 5... B—Kt 2 was better.

6 P—K 4

Presumably to keep Black from playing 6... Kt—Q 4, but that would not be good; e.g., 6 P—K 3!, Kt—Q 4?; 7 B×P, Kt×B; 8 P×Kt, B—Kt 2; 9 Kt—K 5, with a fine free position. Or if 6 P—K 3, P—Q Kt 4, then 7 P—Q R 4 enables White to recover the Pawn at will.

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| | 6 P—Q Kt 4 |
| 7 Q—B 2 | |

Even now 7 P—Q R 4 was very strong; for if 7... P—Kt 5; 8 Kt—R 2, Kt×P; 9 B×P, Black has an intensely uncomfortable game to defend, and is

very unlikely to keep the Pawn for the sake of which he submitted to it.

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| | 7 B—Q Kt 2 |
| 8 R—Q 1 | 8 P—Q R 3 |
| 9 B—K 2 | 9 Q Kt—Q 2 |
| 10 Kt—K 5 | 10 B—Kt 2 |
| 11 B—B 3 | 11 Castles |
| 12 P—K R 4 | |

This could very well wait upon the effect of 12 Q—B 1; then if 12... Kt—K 1; 13 Kt—Kt 4! The advance of the King's Rook's Pawn has little seriousness except in conjunction with a White piece at KR 6 or the exchange of Black's King's Bishop.

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| | 12 Q—Kt 3 |
| 13 P—R 5 | 13 Q R—Q 1 |
| 14 P×P | |

An unprofitable exchange, hastening the end of an attack which all along has been more showy than dangerous.

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| | 14 B P×P! |
| 15 Q—B 1 | 15 Kt×Kt |
| 16 B×Kt | |

16 P×Kt would cost at least a Pawn, by 16... R×R ch; 17 Kt×R, Kt—Q 2!

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| | 16 P—Q B 4 |
| 17 P—Q 5 | |

17 Kt—Q 5 is not good because of 17... Kt×Kt; 18 B×B, R—B 2; 19 B—K 5, Kt—Kt 5!

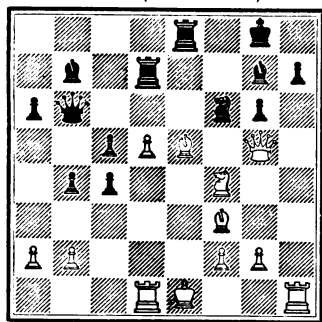
20 Q—R 6, Kt—Q 6 ch; 21 R×Kt, P×R; 22 P×P, Q—K 3! (not ..., Q×P, because of 23 Q×Kt P ch). If 17 P×P first, then ..., Q×P; 18 Kt—Q 5, B×Kt; 19 P×B, R—B 2. The text-move allows Black to open the King's file with consequences far from comfortable to White. 17 Q—K 3 or 17 Kt—K 2 was therefore called for.

18 Q—Kt 5
19 Kt—K 2
20 Kt—B 4
21 P×P

17 R—Q 2
18 P—Kt 5
19 P—K 3
20 P×P
21 R—K 1

Position after 21... R—K 1.

BLACK (FAIRHURST)



WHITE (HOLMES)

22 Castles

If 22 Kt—K 6 then ..., Q R—K 2, and White can only accept the offered piece at the cost of his Queen. 22 K—B 1 would not forestall Black's impending combination.

22 Kt—K 5
23 B×B!

24 B×Kt, B×Kt; 25 Q×B, R—K B 2; 25 Q—R 4 avoids material loss and is therefore better; but White's isolated Queen's Pawn and his Queen's side minority of Pawns leave him without prospects.

25 Q—R 3
26 Q—R 4
27 P—K Kt 3
28 K R—K 1

24 Kt—B 3
25 B×Kt
26 Q—Q 3
27 B—K 4
28 P—B 6

.....Not 28 B×Q, Kt P; 29 R—K 6!, R×R; 30 P×R, Q—K 2; 31 R—Q 7. But 28... B—Q 5 is not open to that objection.

29 P×P
30 Q—Q B 4
31 R—Kt 1
32 R—Kt 3
33 Q×P (B 2)
34 P×B

29 P×P
30 B—B 1
31 P—B 7!
32 R—B 1
33 B×Kt P!

34 B—Kt 2 would prolong resistance for a while, but the ultimate result is not in doubt.

34 Q×P ch
35 K—B 1
36 K—K 2
Resigns

34 Q×P ch
35 B—R 6 ch
36 R—K 1 ch

Black's conduct of this important match game against a highly experienced opponent was entirely worthy of the occasion.

GAME No. 5,197.

Played in the current Championship Tournament of the City of London Club. Notes by J. H. Blake.

Ruy Lopez.

WHITE
R. P. MICHELL

BLACK
P. W. SERGEANT

1 P—K 4
2 Kt—K B 3
3 B—Kt 5
4 B—R 4
5 Castles
6 P—Q 4

1 P—K 4
2 Kt—Q B 3
3 P—Q R 3
4 Kt—B 3
5 Kt×P
6 P—Q Kt 4

7 B—Kt 3
8 P×P
9 P—B 3
10 Q Kt—Q 2

7 P—Q 4
8 B—K 3
9 B—K 2

10 B—K 3 first was tried occasionally at Carlsbad and Mahrisch-Ostrau. For the next few moves compare game No. 5,128 (Thomas v. Yates).

10 Castles

11 Q—K 2

11 Kt—B 4

12 Kt—Q 4

Otherwise Black threatens to free his game by ... P—Q 5.

12 Kt×Kt

13 P×Kt

13 Kt—Kt 2

14 B—B 2

14 Q—Q 2

.....To play ... P—Q B 4 without this precaution was hazardous, the reply being 15 P—B 4 (threatening to go on to B 5 and B 6); then if 15... P—B 4; 16 P×P *e.p.*, R×P; 17 P—B 5, B—Q 2; 18 Kt—B 3 with a good attack. The text-move forestals 15 P—B 4 because the effective reply would now be ... B—K B 4.

15 Kt—Kt 3

15 P—K B 4

16 P—B 4

16 P—Q R 4

17 B—K 3

17 P—R 5

18 Kt—Q 2

18 P—B 4

19 Kt—B 3

19 P×P then 20 Kt—B 3 secures the strong square Q 4 for the White Knight, but has the disadvantage of letting the Black Knight, at present out of play, across to K 5.

19 P—B 5

.....For the reason last given it might be better to postpone this advance until after 19... P—Kt 5 or 19... K R—B 1, or perhaps both. Still the Black Knight gets in elsewhere presently.

20 P—Q R 3

20 P—R 3

21 B—Q 2

21 Kt—R 4

22 Q—K 1

(See diagram).

22 Kt—B 3

.....Here 22... Kt—Kt 6; 23 B×Kt, R P×B; followed by ... R—R 5; ... K R—R 1 and ... P—Kt 5 promises well for Black. Incidentally it would remove the pressure from Black's King's Bishop's Pawn and render it much easier presently to bring the Queen's Bishop actively into the fray.

23 P—R 4

23 K R—Kt 1

24 Q—Q 1

24 Q—Q 1

.....If 24... Q—R 2; 25 B—B 3, B—Q 2; 26 R—K 1! If

24... B—B 2; 25 Q—Kt 1! The Bishop must consequently remain inactive, and that is the drawback to Black's counter attack.

25 P—K Kt 3

25 Q—K 1

26 B—B 3

26 Q—Kt 3

27 K—B 2

27 P—Kt 5

28 P×P

28 Kt×Kt P

29 R—K Kt 1

29 Kt×B

30 Q×Kt

30 Q—K 1

31 R—R 2

31 P—R 6

32 P×P

32 R×P

33 R×R

33 B×R

34 R—Q R 1

34 Q—K B 1

35 Kt—Q 2

35 B—Kt 5

36 R—Q Kt 1

36 B×B

.....The time limit being thirty-six moves in two hours Black presumably made this move under time pressure. If White can be induced to take first in exchanges Black's already superior position is further improved; meanwhile 36... B—Q 2 helps to maintain the superiority. The exchanges as made relieve White appreciably, and there is little or nothing left afterwards to go on for.

37 Q×B

37 R×R

38 Kt×R

38 Q—Kt 1

39 Kt—R 3

39 Q—Kt 3

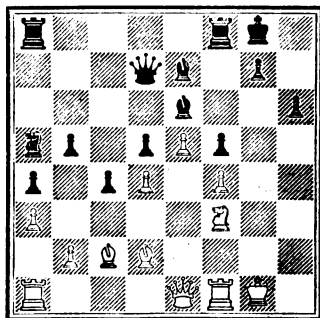
40 K—K 3

40 K—B 2

.....The game was adjourned at this point; but a draw was subsequently agreed upon without resumption.

Position after 22 Q—K 1.

BLACK (SERGEANT)



WHITE (MICHELL)

GAME No. 5,198.—Played in the Premier tournament at the Hastings Christmas Congress. *Queen's Pawn Opening (Buda-Pesth Defence)*. White: M. EUWE. Black: J. MIESES.

1 P-Q 4, Kt-K B 3; 2 P-Q B 4, P-K 4; 3 P×P, Kt-Kt 5;
4 P-K 4, P-K R 4; 5 Kt-Q B 3, B-B 4; 6 Kt-R 3, Kt-Q B 3;
7 Kt-Q 5, K Kt×K P; 8 B-Kt 5, P-B 3; 9 B-K 3, P-Q 3;
10 K Kt-B 4, B-K Kt 5; 11 B-K 2, Q-Q 2; 12 P-B 3, B×B;
13 Kt×B, B-K 3; 14 Kt×B, Q×Kt; 15 Castles, Castles (K);
16 Kt-Q 5, Q R-B 1; 17 Q-Q 2, P-B 4; 18 P×P, Q×P;
19 Q R-K 1, K R-K 1; 20 P-B 4, Kt-Kt 3; 21 B-Q 3,
Q-B 2; 22 B×Kt, Q×B; 23 P-K B 5, Q-Kt 5; 24 P-B 6,
R×R; 25 Q×R, R-B 1; 26 P-B 7 ch, K-R 2; 27 Q-K 8,
Q-Q 5 ch; 28 Kt-K 3, Kt-K 4; 29 Q×R, Q×Kt ch; 30 K-R 1,
Kt-Kt 5; 31 Q-Kt 8 ch, K-R 3; 32 P Queens, Resigns.

GAME No. 5,199.—Played in the same tournament. *Caro-Kann*. White: F. D. YATES. Black: G. M. NORMAN.

1 P-K 4, P-Q B 3; 2 P-Q 4, P-Q 4; 3 Kt-Q B 3, P×P;
4 Kt×P, B-B 4; 5 Kt-Kt 3, B-Kt 3; 6 Kt-B 3, Kt-Q 2;
7 B-Q 3, Q-B 2; 8 Castles, P-K 3; 9 R-K 1, Kt-B 3;
10 P-Q R 3, B-K 2; 11 P-Q B 4, R-Q 1; 12 B-K Kt 5,
Castles; 13 Q-K 2, K R-K 1; 14 Q R-Q 1, P-Q B 4; 15 B×B,
R P×B; 16 P×P, Kt×P; 17 Kt-Q 4, P-Q R 3; 18 P-Q Kt 4,
Kt-R 5; 19 Q-B 2, Kt-Kt 3; 20 P-B 5, Q Kt-Q 4;
21 Q-Kt 3, P-Q R 4; 22 B-B 1, P-Q Kt 3; 23 P×Kt P, Q×P;
24 P×P, Q-B 4; 25 Kt-Kt 5, R-Kt 1; 26 P-Q R 4, K R-Q B 1;
27 P-R 6, R-R 1; 28 P-R 7, Q-Kt 3; 29 B-Kt 2, B-B 4;
30 Q-K B 3, Q-R 4; 31 B×Kt, Kt×B; 32 Kt-K 4, Kt×Kt;
33 R×Kt, B×P; 34 R-R 4, R-Q 1; 35 Kt-Q 6, P-B 3;
36 Q-K 2, Q-K 4; 37 R-R 8 ch, K×R; 38 Kt-B 7 ch,
Resigns.

GAME No. 5,200.—Played in the same tournament. *Irregular Opening*. White: G. MAROCZY. Black: G. M. NORMAN.

1 P-Q 4, Kt-K B 3; 2 Kt-K B 3, P-K Kt 3; 3 P-B 4,
B-Kt 2; 4 Kt-B 3, P-Q 4; 5 P-K 3, Castles; 6 P×P, Kt×P;
7 B-B 4, Kt×Kt; 8 P×Kt, B-Kt 5; 9 Q-Kt 3, B×Kt;
10 P×B, P-Q Kt 3; 11 B-Q 5, P-B 3; 12 B-K 4, Q-B 2;
13 P-K R 4, Kt-Q 2; 14 P-R 5, P×P; 15 R×P, Kt-B 3;
16 R-R 4, Kt×B; 17 P×Kt, P-K 4; 18 B-R 3, K R-K 1;
19 K-K 2, R-K 3; 20 Q R-R 1, P-K R 3; 21 P-Q 5, R-Kt 3;
22 P-Q B 4, R-Q B 1; 23 R-Q B 1, Q-Q 1; 24 R-R 5, P×P;
25 K P×P, Q-Q 2; 26 P-K 4, P-Kt 4; 27 P-B 5, P-Kt 5;
28 B×P, R-Kt 1; 29 P-B 6, Q-Kt 5 ch; 30 Q-B 3, R×B;
31 Q×Q, R×Q; 32 P-B 7, Q R×P ch; 33 K-B 1, R-Q B 5;

34 P Queens ch, R×Q; 35 R×R ch, K—R 2; 36 R—B 7, K—Kt 3;
 37 R—R 3, P—K 5; 38 P—Q 6, B—K 4; 39 R—B 6, K—Kt 2;
 40 P—Q 7, Resigns.

GAME No. 5,201.—Played in the same tournament. *Queen's Gambit Declined*. White: G. MAROCZY. Black: J. H. BLAKE.

1 P—Q 4, Kt—K B 3; 2 Kt—K B 3, P—B 4; 3 P—K 3,
 P—K 3; 4 B—Q 3, P—Q 4; 5 P—Q Kt 3, Kt—B 3; 6 Castles,
 P×P; 7 P×P, B—Q 3; 8 B—Kt 2, Castles; 9 P—Q R 3, P—Q Kt 3;
 10 Q Kt—Q 2, B—Kt 2; 11 Q—K 2, R—B 1; 12 Kt—K 5, Q—K 2;
 13 P—K B 4, K R—K 1; 14 R—B 3, Q—B 1; 15 R—R 3, P—Kt 3;
 16 P—K Kt 4, Q—Kt 2; 17 R—K B 1, Kt—K 2; 18 R—B 2,
 K—R 1; 19 R—Kt 2, R—B 2; 20 Q Kt—B 3, Q Kt—Kt 1; 21
 Kt—Kt 5, P—K R 3; 22 Q Kt×P ch, R×Kt; 23 Kt×P ch,,
 K—R 2; 24 Kt—B 8 ch, K—R 1; 25 Kt—Kt 6 ch, K—R 2;
 26 Kt—K 5 ch, K—R 1; 27 P—Kt 5, B×Kt; 28 P×Kt, B×P (B 3);
 29 R×Q, R×R ch; 30 R—Kt 3, B—B 1; 31 P—B 4, Kt—K 2;
 32 Q—R 5, B—Q 2; 33 Q×P ch, Resigns.

GAME No. 5,202.—Played in the same tournament. *Dutch Defence*. White: H. E. PRICE. Black: J. MIESES.

1 P—Q 4, P—K B 4; 2 P—Q B 4, Kt—K B 3; 3 Kt—Q B 3
 P—K 3; 4 P—K 3, P—Q 4; 5 Kt—B 3, Kt—K 5; 6 Kt—K 5,
 P—K Kt 3; 7 P×P, P×P; 8 Q—Kt 3, P—B 3; 9 B—Q 3, Kt—Q 2;
 10 Kt×Q Kt, B×Kt; 11 Castles, B—Q 3; 12 B×Kt, B P×B;
 13 Q×Kt P?, R—Q Kt 1; 14 Q—R 6, Q—R 5; 15 P—K Kt 3,
 Q—R 4; 16 P—B 4, P×P e.p.; 17 P—K 4, Castles; 18 R—B 2,
 B×P; 19 P×B, Q—R 6; 20 Q—B 1, Q×P ch; 21 K—R 1, B—R 6;
 22 Q—K 1, B—Kt 7 ch; 23 K—Kt 1, Q—R 6; Resigns.

GAME No. 5,203.—Played by radio and telephone on 12th January
 last between the Brooklyn Chess Club and the Y.M.C.A. Chess Club
 at Schenectady, N.Y. *Ruy Lopez (Riga Defence)*. White:
 BROOKLYN. Black: SCHENECTADY.

1 P—K 4, P—K 4; 2 Kt—K B 3, Kt—Q B 3; 3 B—Kt 5,
 P—Q R 3; 4 B—R 4, Kt—B 3; 5 Castles, Kt×P; 6 P—Q 4, P×P;
 7 R—K 1, P—Q 4; 8 Kt×P, B—Q 3; 9 Kt×Kt, B×P ch;
 10 K—R 1, Q—R 5; 11 R×Kt ch, P×R; 12 Q—Q 8 ch, Q×Q;
 13 Kt×Q ch, K×Kt; 14 K×B, B—K 3; 15 B—K 3, P—K B 4;
 16 Kt—Q 2, K—K 2; 17 P—Q B 3, P—R 3; 18 P—B 3, P×P;
 19 Kt×P, Q R—Q B 1; 20 R—K 1, P—B 4; 21 B×P ch, R×B;
 22 Kt—Q 4, K—B 3; 23 R×B ch, K—Kt 4; 24 B—Q 1, R—Q 1;
 25 Kt—B 3 ch, K—R 4; 26 B—K 2, P—B 5; 27 K—R 3, R—K B 1;
 28 Kt—R 4 ch, P—B 6; 29 Kt×P, R—K B 3; 30 B—Q 3,
 R×Kt ch; 31 P×R, Resigns.

GAME No, 5,204.—Played at the Brooklyn Chess Club at the same time as thirty-two games played simultaneously over the board. *Ruy Lopez*. White: A. ALEKHINE. (blindfold). Black: —. LE COUNT.

1 P—K 4, P—K 4; 2 Kt—K B 3, Kt—Q B 3; 3 B—Kt 5, P—Q R 3; 4 B×Kt, Q P×B; 5 Kt—B 3, B—Q 3; 6 P—Q 4, P×P; 7 Q×P, P—B 3; 8 B—K 3, B—K 3; 9 Castles Q R, Q—K 2; 10 K R—K 1, P—Q B 4; 11 Q—Q 2, Castles; 12 Kt—Q 5, Q—Q 2; 13 Q—B 3, Q—B 3; 14 Kt—B 4, B—B 2; 15 P—K 5, P×P; 16 Kt×P, B×Kt; 17 R×R ch, K×R; 18 Q×B, Kt—B 3; 19 Q—B 5, P—Q Kt 3; 20 P—K Kt 4, P—Kt 3; 21 R—Q 1 ch, K—K 2; 22 Q—K 5 ch, B—K 3; 23 P—Kt 5, Resigns.

PROBLEM WORLD.

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BRITISH CHESS PROBLEM SOCIETY.

Intending competitors are reminded that the closing date for entries in the Society's International Three-move Sui-mate Tourney is March 31st, 1924.

B.C.P.S. ANNUAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT.

The Tourney is open to Members and Fellows of the B.C.P.S. It will be held in three sections, for two, three and four-movers. Each competitor may enter not more than two problems in each section. Joint compositions may be entered, but such will be reckoned as an entry from each composer.

Each entry must have been published under the author's name during the calendar year 1923. Entries must be on diagrams with full solutions appended, and name and address of composer, with source and date of publication, on back.

Entries should reach Mr. G. W. Chandler, "Leylands," Mulgrave Road, Sutton, Surrey, by April 18th, 1924.

There will be no prizes, but the three best problems will be suitably diagrammed and framed for permanent exhibition on the walls of the Society's room.

The adjudication will be in the hands of the competitors (or a jury empanelled from among them), each competitor being required

to scale all entries except his own. The combined results will determine the winning problems.

The object of this competition is to select the finest problems composed by the Society's members in each year, and it is hoped that competitors will refrain from sending in two entries in the same class unless in doubt as to which is the better problem.

Corrections of previously unsound problems will be eligible for this tourney provided the correct position has been published under the author's name in 1923, but if the unsound position was first published prior to 1922, the corrected version will not be eligible.

There was an excellent attendance at St. Bride's Institute, on the 20th ult., when Mr. B. G. Laws gave the address: "1877—1924 Recollections." This was an account of the principal incidents in his career as a problemist extending over nearly half a century, illustrated by about twenty positions. Judging from observations made by the members present it was much enjoyed.

Mr. H. D'O. Bernard will read a paper before the Society on Tuesday, the 20th inst., 6-30, at St. Bride's Institute, Bride Lane, E.C., the title of which has not yet been decided upon. It is sure to be an attractive subject as Mr. Bernard has had much experience and has a happy way of giving expression to his views. It is hoped members and their friends will reserve the evening for listening to this lecture.

SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS (page 27).

No. 1 (P. F. Blake).—1 Q—Kt 5, threatening 2 Q—Q 8 ch and 2 Q—Q 2 ch. If 1... B—B 1; 2 Kt (K 5) × P ch. If 1... B × Kt or B—R 3; 2 R—B 5 ch. If 1... B—Q 6; 2 Q—K 7. If 1... B × P; 2 Kt (K 6) × P ch. (Key 10 points, variations 12=22). A correction of an unsound problem in the *Hamburger Zeitung*, 1910. There is plenty of variety, and the main play is good and difficult. The clever handling of the Black King's Bishop is a feature, and the lateral model mates are noteworthy.

No. 2 (A. van der Ven).—1 Kt × P, threatening 2 Q—B 4 ch and 2 K P=Kt. If 1... K × Kt; 2 K P=Q. If 1... B—B 4; 2 Q—K 4 ch. (10+8=18). This extraordinary and difficult problem won fourth prize in the Dutch Tourney of 1911. The capture key is not a serious blemish, as it gives up a White Knight. The unique point is the mate with four Knights. No dual results from the double threat.

No. 3 (M. Feigl).—1 B—Q 8, threatening 2 Kt × P ch and 2 Q—B 4. If 1... K × K Kt; 2 Q—B 4 ch. If 1... K × Q Kt; 2 B—K 7 ch. If 1... R—R 2; 2 Kt—B 4 ch. If 1... B—B 6; 2 Kt—B 7 ch. If 1... Kt × R; 2 Q × Kt. If 1... Kt—K 6; 2 Q × Kt. If 1... Kt—Q 5; 2 R × Kt ch. (10+18=28). This remarkable problem secured no better than seventh prize in the *Aftonbladet* Tourney of 1903. The abundant variety and six charming model mates can well carry the somewhat weak key.

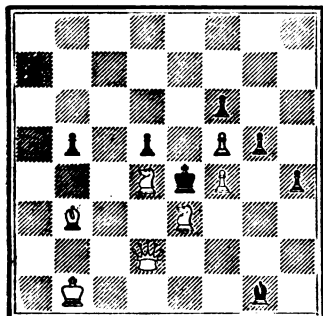
No. 4 (E. Olgenkaer).—1 R—Q 3! If 1... P × P; 2 Q—B 6, P—B 7 ch; 3 Q × P. If 1... P—Kt 6; 2 B—Kt 1, P—Kt 7; 3 Q—B 4. (15+4+2=21). The idea was found easily but the order of the moves is tricky. 1 R—Q 5 and 1 Q—Kt 1 are tempting tries. We are informed that this problem, which

originally appeared in *Eskilstuna Kuriren*, was reproduced in the *Chess Amateur* of April. This had escaped our notice or we should not have chosen the problem, odd though it is. We endeavour to select problems which are not likely to be known to the great majority of solvers, but we cannot be sure that no solver will meet an old friend now and again.

B.C.P.S. SOLVING TOURNEY.

No. 9. By J. SCHEEL.

BLACK (8): K e4; B g1;
Kt a7; P b5, d5, f6, g5, h4.

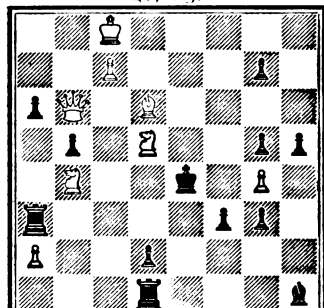


WHITE (7): K b1; Q d2; B b3;
Kt d4, e3; P f4, f5.

White mates in three moves.

No. 10. By J. SCHEEL.

BLACK (12): K e4; R a3, d1;
B h1; P a6, b5, d2, f3, g3, g5,
g7, h5.

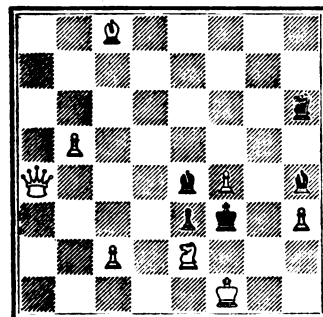


WHITE (8): K c8; Q b6;
B d6; Kt b4, d5; P a2, c7, g4.

White mates in three moves.

No. 11. By R. WEINHEIMER.

BLACK (5): K f3; B e4, h4;
Kt h6; P e3.

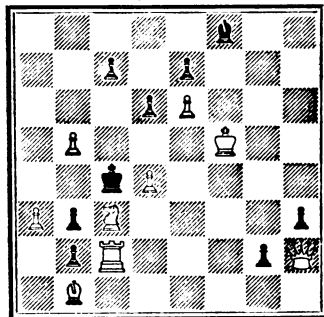


WHITE (8): K f1; Q a4; B c8;
Kt e2; P b5, c2, f4, h3.

White mates in four moves.

No. 12. By J. SALMINGER.

BLACK (9): K c4; B f8;
P b2, b3, c7, d6, e7, g2, h3.



WHITE (9): K f5; Q h2; R c2;
B b1; Kt c3; P a3, b5, d4, e6.

White mates in four moves.

Solutions should reach Mr. C. G. Watney, 18 Queen's Gate Place S.W.7, by 15th April, 1924.

ECONOMY OF FORCE.

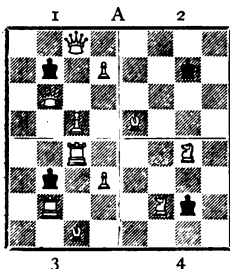
BY C. H. BROCKELBANK.

It is not the purpose of this article to consider economy in its application to the chess problem as a whole, but rather to submit for examination a means whereby that particular phase of Economy of Force which relates to the actual mate may be appraised with a precision, and accurately expressed in definite terms, not hitherto available.

Broadly speaking, economy in this direction has been deemed present when, at least, every White piece then remaining on the board actively contributed to the mating effect in manner to attain purity. In other words, the "model" has been the accepted measure of mating economy; and where, as is the case in an overwhelming majority of problems, other more or less unclean mates or mates uneconomical of force are also present, no satisfactory appraisement of the whole was capable of attainment. Hence, also, comparison of two or more problems in respect of this economy perforce merged into something perilously near useless generalization, because it ignored value as existing in power.

Yet the basic error of such an appraisement seems palpable; for to lump factors numerically, regardless of their several inherent values, is an unusual formula in any calculation purporting to determine the precise value of the whole. To achieve this latter in an issue of mating economy, it seems clear that the measure must consist, not in the number of pieces engaged, but in the proportion in which, in respect of each, either part or the whole of their maximum power is utilised. And as the ultimate measure relates solely to the mating or King's Field, this maximum-power (m.p.) in relation to that field must first be ascertained. Though this is a simple matter it will be found to provide, as examination develops, numerous points and aspects which to many may prove of absorbing interest.

Thus, Diagram A affords a clear illustration of this maximum power of each of the pieces in respect of an open-King's-Field, and may be made to serve as a basis upon which the issue may be further developed; an "open-King's-Field," for the purpose of this article, being a mid-board King's Field in which no Black force other than the King is present. From the diagram it will be seen that the respective powers may be readily determined and expressed by the total number of squares controlled or commanded, and that these powers are ♔ 6, ♚ 4, ♙ 3 and ♜ 2; and it may here be noted, as a point having subsequent



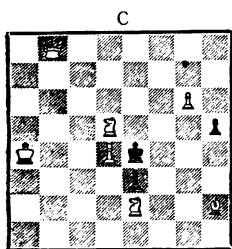
bearing, that the Queen and Rook can only exert full power from *within* the King's Field, the Bishop only somewhere from *without*, and the Knight *both* from within or immediately without. Further,

that the Queen and Rook need support to exercise that power, while the Bishop and Knight do not, unless the latter be within the King's Field.

Upon this elementary basis the respective powers used or wasted in the two models shown in Diagram B can already be accurately determined and expressed in the definite terms thus far available. In Diagram A the Rook, Bishop and Knight have been shown to have respective maximum-powers (that is, command squares) of 4, 3 and 2: an aggregate of 9, of which it is seen 4, 2 and 2, or $8/9$ ths, are being exerted in No. 1 of Diagram B. In No. 2 the maximum powers are 6, 4 and 3 = 13, of which only 8, or $8/13$ ths, is applied. Both are models numerically equal in force; but in one there is a power waste of $1/9$ th, and in the latter of $5/13$ ths—or not far short of one half the power present. It is, therefore, already possible to assert that in power-use No. 1 is a pronouncedly more economical mate than No. 2.

Before pursuing the further development of this elementary basis, it will be useful to consider whether the model-mate standard of the super-orthodox, who claim that *logically* the White King and Pawns must be placed on the scale, should apply to the gauge under consideration. The true issue raised by this claim appears to be whether or not the Pieces and the King and Pawns can “logically” be regarded as wholly on the same plane. Examination seems to show that they can *not*; and that the proper appraisalment of the latter in this respect attaches to constructional rather than mating economy. Various reasons in support of this contention are outside the scope of this article; but one or two more immediately appropriate to the main issue may usefully be advanced. Thus, for strategic or a variety of structural or other reasons the King may have to be placed beyond the reach of the mating field. Similarly the Pawn; while in many instances neither may be able even to move. This last introduces the point of the inherent difference in mobility and range.

Though actually affecting the mating field *here*, the position of that field may change and *there* the King and Pawns be forcibly debarred from participation; while the Pieces can not only follow but may continue to exert their influence from afar. A very striking example of such a shuttle-cock field is given in Diagram C. The problem, a three-mover, by J. Goulty, is a remarkable instance of a King moving on to fourteen different squares and being mated on thirteen of them. Thirteen different fields with corners ranging in and between b2—b7 and g1—g7 with h3 to h6 thrown in! How then, even on these few grounds, can the two types be



Mate in three.

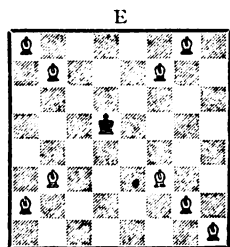
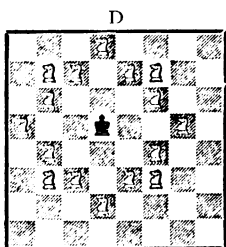
Key: Kt—B 1.

logically regarded as in the same plane ? For these and other reasons, in the gauge of mating economy under consideration, the White King and Pawns are excluded from its application, whether effectively participating in the mate or not, except in the case of impure mates later on referred to.

Returning to the elemental basis expressing the maximum-powers in terms of "square" units, it may be dismissed as cumbersome and unsatisfactory. Examination of various alternatives suggests that the most direct principle is to reduce these units to their respective percentages of the m.p. of the several pieces. Set out in tabular form they appear thus :—

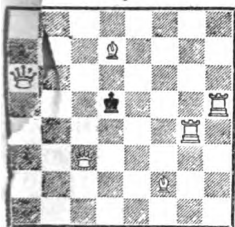
| Number of sqs. | = % | ♔ | ♚ | ♛ | ♜ |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 | | 16 | 25 | 33 | 50 |
| 2 | „ | 33 | 50 | 66 | 100 |
| 3 | „ | 50 | 75 | 100 | |
| 4 | „ | 66 | 100 | | |
| 5 | „ | 83 | | | |
| 6 | „ | 100 | | | |

Several features of interest more or less obtrude themselves on the surface of this table. Particularly noticeable is the fact that a Knight has the "highest *minimum* power" and the Queen the lowest ; a significant point in power economy. Hence, the Knight end of the scale is termed, and later referred to as, the "higher power" scale and the Queen end the "lower." Space permits only reference to two other, more or less opposite, points. First, that the, generally speaking, least powerful piece, the Knight, would appear to be economically by far the most profitable. Not only does it offer the greatest *minimum* power use (50 per cent.) but has only the single alternative of maximum power (100 per cent.) ; and with opportunity of exercise far in excess of that enjoyed by any other piece. This extraordinary difference in opportunity is indicated in Diagrams D and E. Thus, from Diagram



D the Knight is seen to be capable of exerting maximum-power on a mid-board King's Field from a circle of sixteen squares as well as from the unoccupied twelve squares within it, a total of twenty-eight points of m.p. application ! Further, from any of the sixteen squares immediately outside that circle this piece *always* exerts half-power (50 per cent.) on the King's Field, leaving but nineteen possibilities out of sixty-four of total power-waste. And this applies to both Knights, and, in main effects, whenever the Black King is on one of the sixteen

F

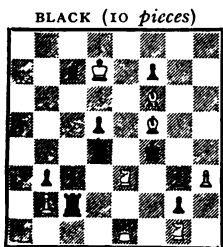


more than any one of five of these and the Rook any one of three. These advantages of the Knight are very singular and significant, despite all modifications! Second, from Diagram F it is apparent that in the exercise of intermediate powers between 50 to 100 per cent, the advantage is reversed, the Queen having two, of 66 per cent. (a6), and 83 per cent. (c3), the Rook and Bishop each one (75 per cent. and 66 per cent.) and the Knight none. Many similar deductions and conclusions from this Table it must be left to the interested reader to delve for. By such, sufficient may already be gleaned from these few suggestions to encourage the view that the balancing in application of such inherent advantages and handicaps by combination and constructive skill to *the best economical power results* opens a wide field for examination; a field some composers may already have subconsciously trodden. But scrutiny of the bulk of problems examined by the writer indicates no inkling of this economy of inherent power nor of the factors affecting it yet to be considered.

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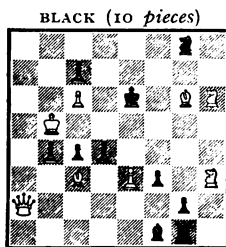
By C. KAINER.



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Mate in three.

Second Prize. T

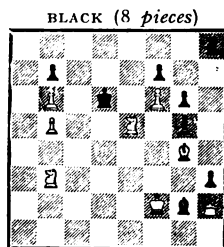
By O. VOTRUBA and
K. TRAXLER.



WHITE (8 *pieces*)
Mate in three.

Third Prize.

By V. KADERS.



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Mate in three.

Hon. mentions : J. Vasta, K. Traxler, Simhovici and J. Vasta.
Dr. E. Palkoska adjudicated.

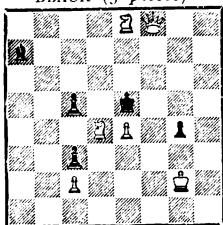
The *Narodni Politika* offers three prizes of 150, 100 and 50 Kč for original three-move problems first published in *Narodni Politika* 1924. Entries to be sent to Dr. E. Palkoska, Prague III.—612 Czechoslovakia.

The following are the principal prize problems in the *Weekly Westminster* 1923 competition. We will give a fuller report next month.

First Prize.

By A. CHALLENGER.

BLACK (5 pieces)



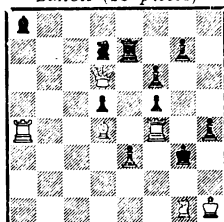
WHITE (6 pieces)

Mate in three.

Second Prize.

By M. HAVEL.

BLACK (10 pieces)



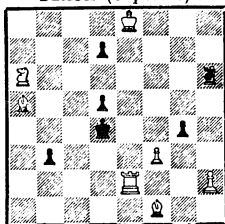
WHITE (6 pieces)

Mate in three.

First Prize.

By P. F. BLAKE.

BLACK (6 pieces)



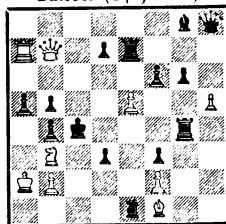
WHITE (7 pieces)

Mate in four.

Second Prize.

By G. F. ANDERSON.

BLACK (14 pieces)



WHITE (9 pieces)

Mate in four.

Daily *Ceské Slovo*. O. Duras, the chess editor of this paper announces an International Three-move Problem Tourney and a "Study" competition, which we presume is for end-games. The prizes to be awarded in the Problem Tourney are 500, 400, 300, 200, 100 and 50 Tchzcoslova Kč respectively and in the "Study" section 400, 250, 200, 100 and 50. Mottoes and sealed envelopes with name and address therein must accompany the entries, limited to three positions in each section. The judges will be J. Chocholous, Dr. Musil, J. Gentner of the three-movers and L. Prokes of the "Studies." Closing date 30th April next. Result will be known 30th June. Address: O. Duras, Praha VII, Dehnicha nl 191, Tchecoslovakia.

OBITUARY.

A deep shadow has been cast over the chess world by the death of Mrs. W. J. Baird, which occurred on 1st February last at Paignton. The end was most unexpected, but it is a comfort to her relatives that the passing away was peaceful. She was the daughter of Mr. T. Winter-Wood, who and whose family have been identified with chess for generations. She was born in 1859 and composed her first problem in 1888, and it was not long after this date that she was given the title of the "Queen of Chess," since not only did she distinguish herself in a happy way as a prolific composer, but proved a valiant opponent over the board, testified by her securing the ladies' championship of Sussex in 1897. Among her other accomplishments were painting, particularly illuminating, poetry (which may have been inherited from her gifted father) and archery, in which sport she was skilful. Her chess problems were generally of the light texture order never profound, but always pleasing to the ordinary solver. She must have composed over 2,000 problems of one sort or another, and this large output in about thirty-five years could not be conducive to highest results. Her problem tourney honours were numerous, though she did not as a rule seek these, generally entering her problems to oblige admiring conductors of competitions.

In 1902 she published *Seven Hundred Chess Problems* and in 1907 *The Twentieth Century Retractor, Chess Fantasies and Letter Problems*, 300 illustrations (Sotheran & Co.). Both were editions de luxe. Mrs. Baird was credited with being the originator of the complicated Retractor of which she was a proficient exponent, but since she ceased composing these fancies, interest in them has waned. During the last few years her activity, after a period of quiescence, has been marked, her attention being directed principally to "Mutates" and Picture or Letter Problems. In addition to the enthusiasm which, shown by her actual work, she has generously promoted several competitions, one still current in the *Morning Post*, particulars of which we announced last month. A remarkable feature of the deceased's problems was their soundness less than one per cent. being cooked after leaving her hands, evidence of painstaking application!

There is now, since the decease of Mrs. Baird's father, Mr. T. Winter-Wood and her brother, Mr. E. J. Winter-Wood, only Mr. Carslake Winter-Wood left to represent the family in the chess circle, Mrs. Strong, her daughter, who at one time promised to emulate her mother, having apparently abandoned the game and its problems. There can be no question that Mrs. Baird stood in front of all lady composers, her nearest rival probably being the late Mrs. T. B. Rowland, and indeed a number of her compositions rank high in the world's collection. We have not space this month to quote specimens, but hope to do so next issue.

Since the above was in type we have been informed of the sudden death of Mr. Carslake Winter-Wood on the 24th February.

SOLVERS' SCORE—"LADDER" COMPETITION.

Problems (January) 2,451 to 2,454 inclusive.

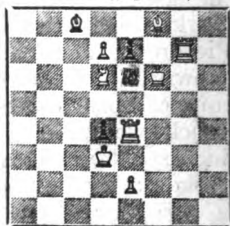
Dr. R. Tennant Bruce (140) 5-5-10-10 (170); **A. T. Cannell (550) 5-5-10-10 (580); J. Chadwick (Sydney) (100); R. W. Clark (Canada) (505) 5-5-10-0 (525); W. H. Cutland (650) 5-5-10-10 (680); **F. J. Dennis (260) 5-5-10-10 (290); B. V. Darbishire (645); J. C. Derlain (190) 5-5-10-10 (220); Rev. A. T. Dean (130) 5-0-10-0 (145); G. Fegent (560) 5-5-10-0 (580); *C. Folley (755) 5-5-10-10 (785); C. Frost (765) 5-5-10-10 (795); Albert Haddy (555) 5-5-10-10 (585); **W. F. Herbert (180) 5-5-10-10 (210); J. A. Hatherill (—) 5-0-10-10 (25); †G. Stillingfleet Johnson (65) 5-5-10-10 (95); Capt. J. V. Jacklin (110) 5-5-10-10 (140); N. V. Joslie, (Pusa, India) (—) 5-5-10-10 (30); *A. Lockley (15) 5-5-10-10 (45); **Frederick Lee (275) 5-5-10-10 (305); J. A. Lewis (600) 5-5-10-0 (620); Hubert Lees (Auckland) (0); **Rev. N. Munro (765) 5-5-10-10 (795); R. J. Minns (465); G. W. Moses (255); D. Murray (—) 5-5-10-10 (30); Johannes Neilson (480) 5-5-10-10 (510); M. E. Onslow (390); **A. Peacock (185) 5-5-10-10 (215); T. Rosenfeld (190) 5-0-10-10 (215); *R. G. Thompson (200) 5-5-10-10 (230); B. Tott (665) 5-5-0-10 (685); O. L. Telling (Monte Carlo) (545) 5-5-10-10 (575); Rev. E. Wells (575) 5-5-10-10 (605); Major W. T. Whetham (375) 5-5-0-0 (385).

Rev. N. Munro and C. Frost have run a dead heat for the January total, this being the second success of the former.

The Hungarian National Composing Tourney of the *Uj Nemzedek* has just been concluded. Two-movers with no more than twelve pieces were required (commonly termed "Merediths"). The award was made by Dr. K. Eberz, Dr. D. Elkes, and Mr. A. C. White, as follows: 1st prize, J. R. Neukomm; 2nd prize, A. Jakab; 3rd prize, O. Nagy; 4th prize, L. Schor and Dr. A. Simay-Molnar (*ex aequo*).

First Prize.
By J. R. NEUKOMM. T

BLACK (3 pieces)



WHITE (8 pieces)

Mate in two.

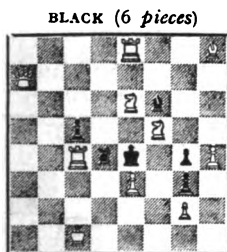
Weekly Westminster.—The eleventh Informal Problem Tourney of this paper runs through the year 1924. Prizes of 40/-, 30/-, 20/- and 10/- are offered for original three and four-movers entered and accepted. A prize of 10/- is also to be awarded to the problem which shows the greatest originality. Mr. Alain C. White has promised to adjudicate, which means the assurance of just appraisal. Entries to be forwarded to the Chess Editor, *Weekly Westminster*, 9—11 Cursitor Street, Chancery Lane, E.C.4. A book prize is offered to the solver who points out the greatest number of unsound entries.

Daily News Competition, August, 1923—January, 1924.

First Prize.

By A. S. DORRELL.

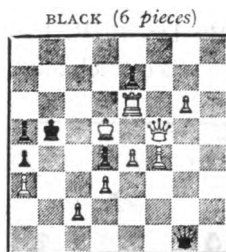
C.



WHITE (10 pieces)

Mate in two.

First Prize.

By G. HUME and T
D. PIRNIE.

WHITE (9 pieces)

Mate in three.

SOLUTIONS.

No. 2,451, by M. Bukofzer.—1 P—B 3, with a dual after 1... B—K 2 or Q 1. A well-varied incomplete waiter of a type seldom now met with. The key is a little weak, but the dual is not a very serious blemish.

No. 2,452, by G. C. Alvey.—R—Q 4. A cleverly constructed change-mate, with some very close tries.

No. 2,453, by J. Scheel. 1 Q—B 7. If 1... P—B 4; 2 B—Q 3. If 1... P—Q 6; 2 Q—Q 6 ch. If 1... K—K 3; 2 B—R 2 ch. If 1... P—Kt 4; 2 Q—Q 6 ch. A block three-er with a give-and-take key followed by graceful model mates. The variation 1... P—B 4 is especially neat. A pretty problem but not a deep one.

No. 2,454, by L. B. Salkind.—1 Q—R 6, threatening 2 R×P ch and 2 R—Q 6 ch. If 1... Kt×Q; 2 B—B 2 ch. If 1... P×R; 2 Q—Kt 7 ch. If 1... K—B 4; 2 Kt×B ch. A brilliant, if forceful, problem, with a good key and five beautifully-varied models. The sacrificial play is especially noteworthy, and the resources of the position have been utilised in a masterly manner.

By Dr. J. J. O'Keefe (p. 84).—1 Kt—K 3, K×Q Kt; 2 R—K 5 ch. If 1... K×K Kt; 2 P Queens ch. If 1... B×Kt; 2 R—R 4 ch. If 1... Kt×Kt; 2 Kt—Kt 5 ch. If 1... B—R 6, 2 B—K 2. If 1... others; 2 R—K 5 ch. A capital specimen illustrating the theme dealt with by Mr. W. H. Thompson in the paper he read before the B.C.P.S. in December last. The two White Knights are offered in sacrifice to the King on adjacent squares. In this case the effects are made charming by the echoed Bishop mates. The key is a give-and-take, but in the circumstances quite good. It is a little unfortunate that the Queening of the Pawn was forced on the composer to complete the scheme.

By J. Paluzie (p. 84).—1 Kt—B 5, P×Kt; 2 Kt—B 6 ch. If 1... K—K 4 or 5; 2 Q—Q 4 ch. If 1... B—K 6, Q 3 or Kt 4; 2 Q—K 6 ch. If 1... B—K 4; 2 Kt—K 3 ch. If 1... others; 2 Q—Kt 5 ch. A very pretty bit of work. The chameleon model Pawn mate is nice and blends well with the other play.

By Dr. E. Palkoska (p. 84).—1 B—Kt 4, B×B or B—B 1; 2 Kt—R 4. If 1... P—Kt 4; 2 Kt—Q 2. If 1... Kt—Kt 7 or B 7; 2 Q—B 3 ch. If 1... others (R—K Kt 1); 2 Kt—R 3. Quite strategic. The threat is not readily seen and the chief lines, after 1... P—Kt 4 and B×B are cleverly introduced.

By J. Vasta (p. 84).—1 Q—Kt 1, P×P; 2 Kt—Q 3 ch. If 1... P×K R; 2 R—K 4 ch. If 1... K×K R; 2 Q—Kt 1 ch. If 1... K×Q R; 2 Q—Kt 5 ch. If 1... P—Q 4; 2 Q—K Kt 1. If 1... others; 2 Q—K 4 ch. Rather congested but there are some meritorious points in the play, especially after 1... P—Q 4 and P×P.

ORIGINAL PROBLEMS.

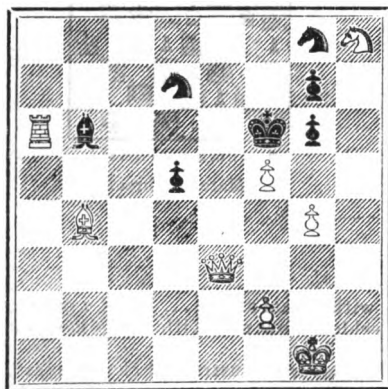
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No. 2,459.

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By Dr. F. B. FEAST
(Birmingham).

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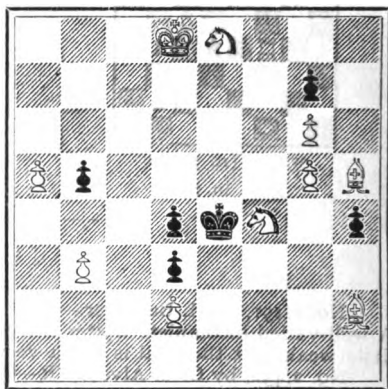
WHITE (8 pieces)

White mates in two moves.

No. 2,460.

By M. BUKOFZER
(Woodside, U.S.A.)

BLACK (6 pieces)



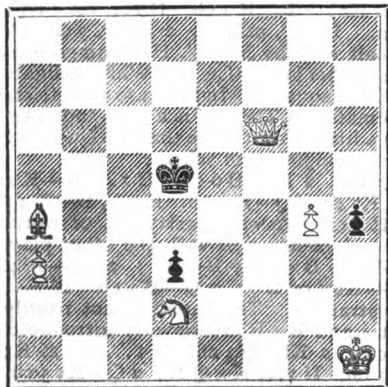
WHITE (10 pieces)

White mates in three moves.

No. 2,461.

By Dr. F. RDUCH
(Cermowitz).

BLACK (3 pieces)



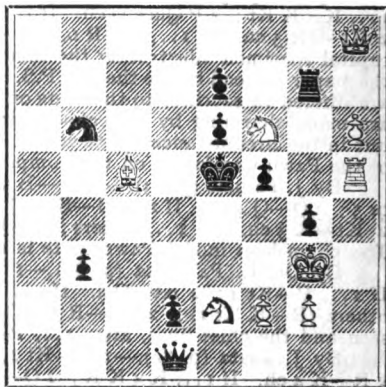
WHITE (6 pieces)

White mates in three moves.

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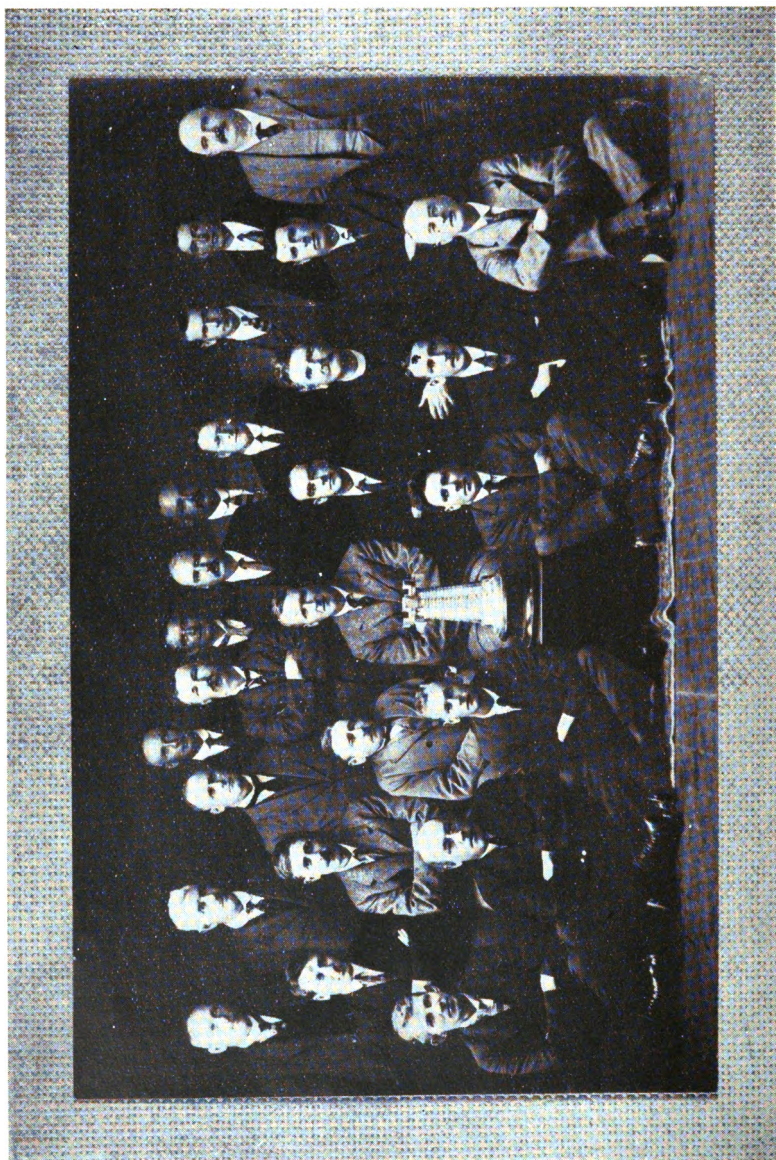
By R. KINTZIG. †
(Piliscsaba, Hungary).

BLACK (10 pieces)



WHITE (9 pieces)

White mates in three moves.



THIRTY-THIRD NEW ZEALAND CHESS CONGRESS

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We are now able to give the full table of the master-tournament at this congress. It appears that the final round (which was, by some journalistic vagary, reported as unplayed) *was* played off. The Italian master Miliani retired after the 10th round.

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| 2 R. Spielmann.. | O | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | O | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | I | 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ | II |
| 3 A. Rubinstein | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | O | O | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | O | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 8 | III |
| 4 D. Przepiorka.. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | O | $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | O | O | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | I | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ | } IV/V |
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| 6 A. Takacs .. | O | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | I | O | — | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | O | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 7 | VI |
| 7 E. Colle .. | O | I | O | I | O | O | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | O | O | I | I | I | 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ | } VII |
| 8 K. Opocensky.. | O | O | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 9 A. Steiner .. | O | $\frac{1}{2}$ | O | O | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | O | $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | I | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 10 S. Tarrasch .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | O | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | O | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | O | 1d | 6 | |
| 11 G. Koltanowsky | O | O | O | O | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | O | $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | I | O | 1d | 5 | |
| 12 B. Patay .. | O | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | O | O | O | O | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | O | — | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 13 S. Roselli.. | O | O | O | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | O | O | O | I | I | O | — | 1d | 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 14 L. Miliani.. | O | O | $\frac{1}{2}$ | O | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | O | O | $\frac{1}{2}$ | od | od | $\frac{1}{2}$ | od | — | 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ | |

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The brilliancy prize was awarded to Dr. Tarrasch for his win against Colle.

Böhm, who won the Major tournament with a score of 5 $\frac{1}{2}$, is a native of Munich, though now resident in Bologna. The other competitors were: Baum and Trafojer, 4 each; Lutz and Monticelli, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$; Hermann, 3; Göbl, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$; and Schmitt, 2.

After the conclusion of the ladies' tournament a match was played between the London and Viennese representatives—an unique event, we believe, in chess history, which had a gratifying result for the English ladies, as the score shows:—

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| Mrs. Holloway .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | O | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Miss Cotton .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | I | O |
| Mrs. Stevenson .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | I | I |

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VIENNA.

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|----------------|----|----|----|----|----|---|---------------|
| Frau Kalmar .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Frau Gülich .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | O | I |
| Frau Polner .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | O | O |

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Two days were devoted to the match, four hours' play taking place in the morning, and adjourned games being finished in the afternoon. The match-captains were I. Gunsberg (London) and Dr. Grimm (Vienna).

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THE NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT.

It was finally decided not to admit more than eleven masters to this event, starting at the Hotel Alamac, Manhattan, on the 16th ult. The tournament being a double-round one, it was felt that a total of twenty games for each competitor would be quite sufficient.

The official list of the eleven selected masters was: J. R. Capablanca (Cuba); Dr. Emanuel Lasker (Germany); A. Alekhine (Russia); E. D. Bogoljuboff (Latvia); D. Janowski (France); Edward Lasker (United States); G. Maroczy (Hungary); F. J. Marshall (United States); R. Reti (Czecho-Slovakia); Dr. S. Tartakover (Ukraine); and F. D. Yates (England). We give the nationalities of the players as they are stated in the official list.

Fortunately all the selected players—including Capablanca, who had been suffering from influenza, and Dr. Lasker, who had narrowly escaped missing his boat from Europe—were able to put in an appearance when play started on Sunday, March 16th. In the first round Capablanca made a quiet beginning by drawing with Janowski; while Alekhine and Tartakover commenced well with wins against Yates and Bogoljuboff respectively. In the second round Alekhine won again, *v.* Maroczy, Capablanca drawing with Dr. Lasker and Tartakover with Marshall. In the third round, however, Dr. Lasker gaining a fine victory over Alekhine, the lead passed to Tartakover, with $2\frac{1}{2}$ points.

BRITISH CHESS FEDERATION.

The annual congress is now definitely arranged to be held at Southport, Lancashire, August 11th to 23rd. The Mayor and Corporation have promised a warm welcome to competitors and visitors, and the local committee, with Mr. H. G. Rhodes, of 19 Scarisbrook Street, as hon. secretary, are already at work. All enquiries on local matters such as relate to hotels, boarding houses, etc., should be addressed to Mr. Rhodes, and on other matters to the secretary of the Federation, Mr. Leonard P. Rees, St. Aubyns, Redhill. Programmes will be ready early in May.

It has been brought to the notice of the B.C.F. committee that the widow of the late Mr. James Mason, one of England's past masters in chess is seriously ill and in very straitened circumstances. Mr. Mason, by his skill and his valuable writings did much to uphold the position of British chess and extend the influence of the game, and to show that they sympathise with Mrs. Mason in her present difficulties and that her late husband's work is by no means forgotten, the committee have decided to open a subscription list to help Mrs. Mason, and invite all British players to participate. Donations should be sent to the B.C.F. secretary, Mr. Leonard P. Rees, St. Aubyn's, Redhill. Club secretaries are requested to bring the matter to the notice of their members and the chess press to give full publicity and help. Several subscriptions have already been received.

THE UNIVERSITIES WEEK.

On Monday, March 17th, the Insurance were beaten by $12\frac{1}{2}$ to $8\frac{1}{2}$. On Tuesday, a match was played against the "A" League champion, Hampstead, and they only won by the odd game, 11 to 10, after adjudication of seven games by Amos Burn.

Played on Tuesday, March 25th, at the Imperial Chess Club.

| COMBINED UNIVERSITIES. | | | IMPERIAL. | | |
|------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|------------------|---------|---------------|
| 1 | B. Goulding Brown (C.) | $\frac{1}{2}$ | C. Wreford Brown | .. .. . | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 2 | A. W. Stonier (O.) | 0 | H. E. Tudor | .. .. . | 1 |
| 3 | W. F. Jones (O.) | $\frac{1}{2}$ | Miss Finn | .. .. . | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 4 | A. W. Exell (C.) | 1 | E. S. Curwen | .. .. . | 0 |
| 5 | R. M. Dowdeswell (C.) | 1 | Miss Cotton | .. .. . | 0 |
| 6 | J. Edwards (O.) | $\frac{1}{2}$ | Mrs. Stevenson | .. .. . | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 7 | E. H. Bateman (C.) | 1 | J. Frankland | .. .. . | 0 |
| 8 | A. H. Wykeham George (O.) | $\frac{1}{2}$ | J. G. W. Woods | .. .. . | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 9 | G. W. Furlonge (C.) | 0 | Miss Hooke | .. .. . | 1 |
| 10 | E. P. C. Cotter (O.) | 1 | Mrs. Banting | .. .. . | 0 |
| | | 6 | | | 4 |

On Wednesday, a strong team of the City of London was defeated by $12\frac{1}{2}$ to $9\frac{1}{2}$, including as will be seen no less than eleven players who play for the City championship.

| COMBINED UNIVERSITIES. | | | CITY OF LONDON. | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------|----------------|
| 1 | P. W. Sergeant (O.) (White) | $\frac{1}{2}$ | Sir G. A. Thomas | .. .. . | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 2 | H. G. Snowden (C.) | 0 | R. P. Michell | .. .. . | 1 |
| 3 | B. Goulding Brown (C.) | 1 | E. G. Sergeant | .. .. . | 0 |
| 4 | T. A. Staynes (O.) | 0 | H. B. Uber | .. .. . | 1 |
| 5 | J. M. Bee (C.) | $\frac{1}{2}$ | J. P. Savage | .. .. . | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 6 | A. Oppenheim (O.) | 0 | R. C. J. Walker | .. .. . | 1 |
| 7 | P. I. Wyndham (C.) | 1 | E. Macdonald | .. .. . | 0 |
| 8 | A. H. Crothers (O.) | 1 | F. F. L. Alexander | .. .. . | 0 |
| 9 | A. R. B. Thomas (C.) | 0 | H. Saunders | .. .. . | 1 |
| 10 | N. Baliol Scott (O.) | 0 | W. Gooding | .. .. . | 1 |
| 11 | I. E. West (C.) | 1 | B. W. Hamilton | .. .. . | 0 |
| 12 | A. W. Stonier (O.) | 0 | C. M. Payne | .. .. . | 1 |
| 13 | A. W. Excell (C.) | 1 | B. J. Mooney | .. .. . | 0 |
| 14 | A. Rutherford (O.) | 1 | F. J. Camon | .. .. . | 0 |
| 15 | R. M. Dowdeswell (C.) | 1 | R. G. Armstrong | .. .. . | 0 |
| 16 | E. P. C. Collen (O.) | $\frac{1}{2}$ | Dr. Nankivell | .. .. . | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 17 | H. J. G. Herrick (C.) | $\frac{1}{2}$ | G. Smart | .. .. . | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 18 | G. F. Hewson (C.) | 1 | P. N. Fearon | .. .. . | 0 |
| 19 | O. Costigan (O.) | $\frac{1}{2}$ | T. H. Acton | .. .. . | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 20 | E. H. Bateman (C.) | 0 | E. M. Lane | .. .. . | 1 |
| 21 | D. Morrah (O.) | 1 | A. M. Ewbank | .. .. . | 0 |
| 22 | G. W. Furlonge (C.) | 1 | K. F. T. Mills | .. .. . | 0 |
| | | $12\frac{1}{2}$ | | | $9\frac{1}{2}$ |

On Thursday, March 20th, the Cambridge players rested but the Oxford players accepted the invitation of E. R. Turner, president of the Ludeagle Chess Club, to play six consultation games. Mr.

declined, so Oppenheim had to play on and win. The score of these matches is now Cambridge 23, Oxford 21, drawn 4.

| OXFORD. | | | CAMBRIDGE. | | |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|-------|---------------|
| 1 | W. E. B. Pryer (Pembroke) | W. o | I. E. West (Downing) | .. .. | I |
| 2 | A. Oppenheim (Balliol) | .. I | A. R. B. Thomas (St. John's) | .. | o |
| 3 | A. H. Crothers (Queen's) | .. I | A. W. Exell (Emmanuel) | .. | o |
| 4 | W. F. Jones (Queen's) | .. o | R. M. Dowdeswell (Emmanuel) | | I |
| 5 | A. W. Stonier (Christ Church) | I | G. W. Furlonge (Emmanuel) | .. | o |
| 6 | J. Edwards (Jesus) | | G. E. Hewson (St. Catherine's) | .. | o |
| 7 | N. Baliol Scott (Christ Church) | $\frac{1}{2}$ | E. H. Bateman (Trinity) | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
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Shifted in date from the Christmas holidays to the Universities' chess week in town, the Inter-University (Past) Match was played at the City of London Chess Club on Saturday, March 22nd. It was hoped that the alteration of date would enable stronger teams to be got together: but this hope was not altogether fulfilled, Oxford in particular lamenting the absence of E. M. Jackson, who accepted the invitation to play but was unable to come, and of Major R. W. Barnett, who was ill. In addition it had been anticipated that the distinguished veteran, Sir Walter Parratt, one of the founders of the O.U.Ch.C., would play; and it was with the utmost regret that it was heard that he, too, was ill.

The match looked likely to be close for some time; but gradually successes for the light Blues began to pile up until they had a lead of no less than four points. The last games to be decided, on boards 1, 2, 5, and 9 improved the Oxonians' position considerably. Cambridge, however, won comfortably, though not so crushingly as last year. Full score:—

| CAMBRIDGE PAST. | | | OXFORD PAST. | | |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1 | W. H. Gunston (St. John's) | .. o | T. H. Tylor (Balliol) | .. .. | I |
| 2 | H. J. Snowden (Queen's) | .. o | P. W. Sergeant (Trinity) | .. .. | I |
| 3 | B. Goulding Brown (Trinity) | I | H. D. Roome (Merton) | .. .. | o |
| 4 | J. M. Bee (St. Catharine's) | .. I | E. Paice (Merton) | .. .. | o |
| 5 | Sir E. A. T. Wigram (Trin. Hall) | o | T. A. Staynes (B.N.C.) | .. .. | I |
| 6 | L. Illingworth (Trinity) | .. $\frac{1}{2}$ | C. Wreford Brown (Oriol) | .. .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 7 | C. E. Taylor (Trinity) | .. $\frac{1}{2}$ | K. G. Jayne (Wadham) | .. .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 8 | G. E. Smith (St. John's) | .. I | D. M. Morrah (New Coll.) | .. .. | o |
| 9 | Rev. W. R. Greenhalgh (Pem.) | $\frac{1}{2}$ | A. H. Wykeham George (New Coll.) | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 10 | A. M. Ewbank (St. John's) | .. I | Maj. E. Montague Jones (New Coll.) | o | |
| 11 | K. F. J. Mills (St. John's) | .. I | Hon. F. G. Hamilton-Russell (Ch.Ch.) | o | |
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OBITUARY.

Many London players will hear with regret of the death of E. Connery, who at a ripe old age has recently passed to his rest.

He joined the North London club at its inception, 53 years ago, and continued as a member up to the last. To the older generation of chess players his presence at all the North London League matches will be remembered. He could always be depended upon to give his opponents a tough game. He was one of the best of good fellows in every sense of the word, and will live in the memory of many friends.

NEWS FROM THE BRITISH ISLES.

The final match in the N.C.C.U. championship was played in Manchester, on Saturday, March 15th, on 30 boards. Lancashire, who have held the English Counties Championship for two years, look like losing the honour, as Yorkshire will probably get at least four points out of the nine games left for adjudication, and in that case will play the winner of the Southern Counties Championship, next October. The match was keenly fought, and was watched by a large number of spectators. Scores :—

| YORKSHIRE. | | | | | LANCASHIRE. | | | | | |
|------------|------------------|----|----|----|------------------|-------------------|----|----|---------------|--|
| 1 | E. Dale | .. | .. | .. | I | Dr. H. Holmes | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 2 | H. E. Atkins | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | D. Joseph | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 3 | E. Schofield | .. | .. | .. | * | E. Spencer | .. | .. | * | |
| 4 | W. Atkinson | .. | .. | .. | * | C. Y. C. Dawbarn | .. | .. | * | |
| 5 | G. Barron | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | J. Lewis | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 6 | G. W. Moses | .. | .. | .. | * | T. Kelly | .. | .. | * | |
| 7 | H. W. Hodgkinson | .. | .. | .. | * | C. F. Burslam | .. | .. | * | |
| 8 | A. Schofield | .. | .. | .. | I | S. Keir | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 9 | A. R. Fleming | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | P. F. Blake | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 10 | H. J. Lofthouse | .. | .. | .. | 0 | W. Turner | .. | .. | I | |
| 11 | J. J. Shields | .. | .. | .. | 0 | C. Lobel | .. | .. | I | |
| 12 | R. Bainbridge | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | T. H. Storey | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 13 | J. R. Deacon | .. | .. | .. | * | A. R. B. Thomas | .. | .. | * | |
| 14 | W. J. Berryman | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | F. H. Hardman | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 15 | G. Pollard | .. | .. | .. | I | W. R. Thomas | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 16 | H. Hinchliffe | .. | .. | .. | I | C. Boyce | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 17 | T. Hillary | .. | .. | .. | 0 | Dr. W. Edge | .. | .. | I | |
| 18 | H. A. Cadman | .. | .. | .. | 0 | A. Laserson | .. | .. | I | |
| 19 | J. H. Morrison | .. | .. | .. | I | H. Kearne | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 20 | H. Bromberg | .. | .. | .. | I | E. B. Deyes | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 21 | R. A. Sturgeon | .. | .. | .. | * | H. B. Borland | .. | .. | * | |
| 22 | H. Wortley | .. | .. | .. | * | J. A. Barraclough | .. | .. | * | |
| 23 | J. Broadley | .. | .. | .. | * | H. Jones | .. | .. | * | |
| 24 | J. Croysdale | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | J. E. West | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 25 | M. Andrew | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | H. C. J. Herrick | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 26 | E. Hanger | .. | .. | .. | I | J. Waterhouse | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 27 | J. Jackson | .. | .. | .. | * | G. Abrahams | .. | .. | * | |
| 28 | S. Thorpe | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | H. Macpherson | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 29 | F. A. Amies | .. | .. | .. | I | B. Copeland | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 30 | C. G. Wenyon | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | H. B. Creeke | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
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P×P; 4 B—Q 3, Kt—Q B 3; 5 K Kt—K 2, P—K Kt 3; 6 P—Q Kt 3, B—Kt 2; 7 B—Kt 2, P—Q R 3; 8 Kt—Q 2, Kt—K B 3; 9 Castles, Castles; 10 Kt—Kt 3, P—Q Kt 4; 11 P—K B 4, Kt—K Kt 5; 12 R—K 1, Kt×Q P; 13 P—B 5, Kt—B 6 ch; 14 P×Kt, Q—Kt 3 ch. R. P. Michell won on the top board by very pretty play, involving the temporary sacrifice of his Queen. Walker, too, won by clever play. Meantime Ford credited Middlesex with their first win, through his opponent losing a piece—and it was not till near the finish that Middlesex had another win to their credit: G. A. Felce, having made a premature attack in defending a Vienna eventually paying the penalty. Half the games were drawn, and in some of these the Middlesex players were found to be struggling to share the points. Two Middlesex players certainly threw away their games, but generally they were beaten by a better team on the day. Last year Middlesex won by 10—6 but in 1922 Surrey beat them 11—5. The two secretaries on board 20 agreed to an early draw. Full score:—

SURREY.

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|-------------------------|----|----|---------------|
| 1 R. P. Michell (Black) | .. | .. | 1 |
| 2 H. B. Uber | .. | .. | 1 |
| 3 R. C. J. Walker | .. | .. | 1 |
| 4 L. P. Rees | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 5 W. Gooding | .. | .. | 1 |
| 6 H. C. Griffiths | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 7 G. A. Felce | .. | .. | 0 |
| 8 W. E. Allnutt | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 9 F. F. L. Alexander | .. | .. | 1 |
| 10 J. Butland | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 11 B. H. N. Stronach | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 12 H. G. Felce | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 13 P. J. Allingham | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 14 W. L. Brierley | .. | .. | 1 |
| 15 G. E. Wernick | .. | .. | 1 |
| 16 A. Fletcher | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 17 A. J. Spencer | .. | .. | 1 |
| 18 P. W. Rampton | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 19 P. Howell | .. | .. | 0 |
| 20 E. W. Davies | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |

MIDDLESEX.

| | | | |
|------------------|----|----|---------------|
| B. E. Siegheim | .. | .. | 0 |
| E. G. Sergeant | .. | .. | 0 |
| H. Saunders | .. | .. | 0 |
| J. du Mont | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| W. H. Regan | .. | .. | 0 |
| L. Savage | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| W. E. Bonwick | .. | .. | 1 |
| R. C. Griffith | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| W. H. Watts | .. | .. | 0 |
| Dr. F. S. Duncan | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| M. E. Goldstein | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| H. V. Buttfield | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| F. Dark | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| H. S. Barnes | .. | .. | 0 |
| F. W. Boff | .. | .. | 0 |
| J. W. Morling | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| P. Healey | .. | .. | 0 |
| H. J. Snowden | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| H. Ford | .. | .. | 1 |
| H. Meek | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |

We received some time ago the Magazine of the British Correspondence Chess Association, but unfortunately overlooked mentioning it. This little magazine is issued free to members, and can we believe be purchased by outsiders at 4½d.

It gives an account of their activities, the results of their Tournies and eight of the games played in them with annotations.

The Secretary is H. E. Matthews, 37 Anson Street, Monton, Eccles, Manchester, who is also the Editor of the magazine, and he will be very glad to welcome any new members.

We have also received the Middlesex C.C.A. Year Book with the scores of their matches in the Season 1922-23.

The Kent team travelled to Bath on March 8th to play Somerset in the semi-final of the S.C.C.U. championship. A strenuous match resulted and five games were left for adjudication. The following is the score :—

| SOMERSET. | | | | KENT. | | | |
|-----------|---------------------|-------|---------------|----------------------|-------|-------|---------------|
| 1 | A. West | .. .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | N. B. Holmes | .. .. | .. .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 2 | C. Duffield | .. .. | 1 | O. C. Müller | .. .. | .. .. | 0 |
| 3 | Capt. P. H. Bolland | .. .. | 1 | E. Creswell | .. .. | .. .. | 0 |
| 4 | H. Pascoe | .. .. | 0 | I. F. Sifton | .. .. | .. .. | 1 |
| 5 | Rev. E. W. Poynton | .. .. | *0 | B. W. Hamilton | .. .. | .. .. | *0 |
| 6 | R. M. Norman | .. .. | *0 | E. A. Coad Pryor | .. .. | .. .. | *0 |
| 7 | G. Breakwell | .. .. | *0 | G. Hanson | .. .. | .. .. | *0 |
| 8 | F. R. Hill | .. .. | 0 | C. F. Corke | .. .. | .. .. | 1 |
| 9 | D. Campbell | .. .. | *0 | Major R. W. Barrett | .. .. | .. .. | *0 |
| 10 | J. L. Palmer | .. .. | *0 | Mrs. S. J. Holloway | .. .. | .. .. | *0 |
| 11 | Comm. R. D. Graham | .. .. | 0 | L. W. Dodds | .. .. | .. .. | 1 |
| 12 | L. Vine | .. .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | E. S. Tinsley | .. .. | .. .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 13 | S. Hull | .. .. | 0 | Mrs. R. H. Stevenson | .. .. | .. .. | 1 |
| 14 | J. Blair | .. .. | 1 | S. J. Holloway | .. .. | .. .. | 0 |
| 15 | H. Powell | .. .. | 1 | F. J. Dennis | .. .. | .. .. | 0 |
| 16 | E. G. Rodway | .. .. | 1 | C. E. Woolmer | .. .. | .. .. | 0 |
| <hr/> | | | | <hr/> | | | |
| 6 | | | | 5 | | | |

* For adjudication.

Another match in the S.C.C.U. championship was played at St. Albans on March 1st, when Hertfordshire won a close match by $9\frac{1}{2}$ to $7\frac{1}{2}$. A feature of the match was the success of two St. Albans schoolboys; one, A. J. Goetzee, is only eleven years old. Full score :—

| HERTFORDSHIRE. | | | | BEDFORDSHIRE. | | | |
|----------------|---------------------|-------|---------------|------------------|-------|-------|---------------|
| 1 | Sir E. T. A. Wigram | .. .. | 0 | Major Duhan | .. .. | .. .. | 1 |
| 2 | T. A. Staynes | .. .. | 0 | W. Church | .. .. | .. .. | 1 |
| 3 | G. T. Womack | .. .. | 1 | F. Dickens | .. .. | .. .. | 0 |
| 4 | Major E. M. Jones | .. .. | 1 | R. Rushton | .. .. | .. .. | 0 |
| 5 | C. T. Price | .. .. | 0 | C. Loton | .. .. | .. .. | 1 |
| 6 | G. P. Richards | .. .. | 0 | S. W. Dickens | .. .. | .. .. | 1 |
| 7 | J. V. Jacklin | .. .. | 1 | H. S. Wallace | .. .. | .. .. | 0 |
| 8 | W. Hatton Ward | .. .. | 0 | J. W. Thorburn | .. .. | .. .. | 1 |
| 9 | C. K. Trotter | .. .. | 1 | J. T. Needham | .. .. | .. .. | 0 |
| 10 | E. G. Attenborough | .. .. | 1 | Rev. R. Phillips | .. .. | .. .. | 0 |
| 11 | G. H. Abbott | .. .. | 1 | H. Meakin | .. .. | .. .. | 0 |
| 12 | E. R. Mitchell | .. .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | G. L. Waite | .. .. | .. .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 13 | R. E. Webb | .. .. | 1 | W. Currant | .. .. | .. .. | 0 |
| 14 | J. W. Sumner | .. .. | 0 | A. B. Oliver | .. .. | .. .. | 1 |
| 15 | R. S. Hunter | .. .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | F. W. Ellis | .. .. | .. .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 16 | A. J. Goetzee | .. .. | 1 | R. Hill | .. .. | .. .. | 0 |
| 17 | P. A. Shaw | .. .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | W. Harden | .. .. | .. .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| <hr/> | | | | <hr/> | | | |
| $9\frac{1}{2}$ | | | | $7\frac{1}{2}$ | | | |

At the Hampstead Chess Club on February 26th, Maroczy played six games simultaneously, three members consulting at each of the six boards, and after some hard fights he won three and drew three. On March 8th a lightning tournament was held, the first prize was divided between A. Malin (B1) and A. Aronson (B2). S. Buerger (B1) won the second, E. M. Jellie (A1), third, and W. H. M. Kirk (A1) fourth.

In the semi-final of the M.C.C.U. championship played at the Midland Institute, Birmingham, on Saturday, February 23rd, Leicestershire qualified for the final by beating Shropshire as under :—

LEICESTERSHIRE.

SHROPSHIRE.

| | | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| 1 V. H. Lovell | 1 | J. E. Parry | 0 |
| 2 E. H. Collier | $\frac{1}{2}$ | F. Clayton | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 3 T. H. Bumpus | 1 | F. Smart | 0 |
| 4 A. C. Garratt | $\frac{1}{2}$ | C. Groom | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 5 G. S. Taylor | 1 | P. G. Perry | 0 |
| 6 F. Draycott | 1 | Rev. W. Benson | 0 |
| 7 C. L. Hale | 1 | F. W. Forrest | 0 |
| 8 F. Moore | $\frac{1}{2}$ | G. E. Ramsden | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 9 Dr. Fisher | 1 | W. H. Smith | 0 |
| 10 V. D. Pavord | $\frac{1}{2}$ | H. C. Williams | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 11 H. J. Gardner | 1 | A. Cragg | 0 |
| 12 T. H. Millington | $\frac{1}{2}$ | W. E. Baddeley | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 13 W. Goodman | 1 | A. H. Smith | 0 |
| 14 G. A. Rowley | 0 | T. I. Lusty | 1 |
| 15 P. E. Collier | 1 | C. H. Greenhalgh | 0 |

11 $\frac{1}{2}$ 3 $\frac{1}{2}$

The other semi-final, Warwickshire v. Worcestershire, which had been postponed because of the railway strike, was played at the same place, Saturday, March 1st. Worcestershire led by a game all through till the call of time, when the only two games left (Boards 1 and 10) were shown to be wins for Warwick, who thus scored a narrow victory.

WARWICKSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE.

| | | | |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| 1 A. J. Mackenzie | 1 | E. E. Westbury | 0 |
| 2 F. G. Butcher | $\frac{1}{2}$ | T. H. Tylor | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 3 F. H. Terrill | 1 | W. C. Roberts | 0 |
| 4 A. F. Hallaway | 0 | F. G. Jones | 1 |
| 5 W. Beeson | $\frac{1}{2}$ | A. T. Griffith | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 6 F. H. Morris | 0 | L. C. Munn | 1 |
| 7 F. Betts | $\frac{1}{2}$ | M. A. Prentice | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 8 E. B. M. Conway | $\frac{1}{2}$ | F. C. Short | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 9 J. W. Wilder | $\frac{1}{2}$ | C. H. Knight | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 10 F. J. Roden | 1 | E. F. Fardon | 0 |
| 11 A. R. Chamberlain | $\frac{1}{2}$ | Rev. A. P. Lacy Hulbert | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 12 R. Filkin | 0 | G. C. Brown | 1 |
| 13 G. H. Edwards | 1 | F. Allen | 0 |
| 14 R. G. Rainsford | $\frac{1}{2}$ | K. Henn | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 15 R. A. V. Tayar | 1 | F. W. Trent | 0 |
| 16 A. H. Viven | 0 | H. G. Wright | 1 |

8 $\frac{1}{2}$ 7 $\frac{1}{2}$

Printing Craft Ltd. will publish the book of the present American tournament in this country. The games will be annotated by A. Alekhine, and the book will be uniform with that of the London Tournament Book, and will contain photographs, statistics, as well as a complete score of all games. The price will probably be 10/6. The Hastings Tournament Book should be ready by the time this magazine is in the hands of our readers. Also in conjunction with the *Daily News* they are issuing a book, *Chess Masterpieces*, containing fifty selected games between masters during the last half century, at the low cost of 1/-.

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M.C.C.U. Championship: Final Round.—The match between Leicestershire and Warwickshire (holders) was played at Vaughan College, Leicester, on Saturday, March 22nd. After a fine match the visitors led by one at the call of time, and have the advantage in the five games left undecided. Score:—

| WARWICKSHIRE. | | | | | LEICESTERSHIRE. | | | | |
|---------------------|-------------------|----|----|---------------|------------------|----|----|---------------|--|
| 1 | A. J. Mackenzie | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | V. H. Lovell | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 2 | F. H. Terrill | .. | .. | *0 | E. H. Collier | .. | .. | *0 | |
| 3 | W. Beeson | .. | .. | 1 | A. C. Garratt | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 4 | F. H. Morriss | .. | .. | 0 | G. S. Taylor | .. | .. | 1 | |
| 5 | E. B. Conway | .. | .. | 0 | F. Draycott | .. | .. | 1 | |
| 6 | A. R. Chamberlain | .. | .. | 0 | J. S. Lee | .. | .. | 1 | |
| 7 | G. H. Edwards | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | C. L. Hale | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 8 | R. G. Rainsford | .. | .. | *0 | Dr. Fisher | .. | .. | *0 | |
| 9 | T. Bray | .. | .. | 0 | F. Moore | .. | .. | 1 | |
| 10 | R. Filkin | .. | .. | 1 | G. P. Main | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 11 | W. T. Bayliss | .. | .. | 1 | W. Goodman | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 12 | P. Allender | .. | .. | *0 | V. D. Pavord | .. | .. | *0 | |
| 13 | R. A. V. Tayar | .. | .. | 1 | H. W. Lee | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 14 | A. J. Bollen | .. | .. | 1 | P. E. Collier | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 15 | A. H. Owen | .. | .. | *0 | T. H. Millington | .. | .. | *0 | |
| 16 | F. H. Harper | .. | .. | *0 | H. J. Chilton | .. | .. | *0 | |
| <hr/> | | | | | <hr/> | | | | |
| 6 | | | | | 5 | | | | |
| * For adjudication. | | | | | | | | | |

* For adjudication.

We hear that a very fine entry has already been received for the Easter Congress at Weston, but the entries do not close till the end of March. For the Boys' Open championship at Hastings 36 entries have already been received. The congress opens at the Town Hall on Monday, April 21st. Entries can be received up till April 15th. Preliminary sections of six will be played, as last year. Those not winning these sections will be paired in another competition according to age, with two prizes in each section.

The Manchester Club journeyed to Bradford on Saturday, March 1st, and won a decisive victory. The Mancunians had the move on the even-numbered boards, their young champion winning his game at board 1. Two young players, Wallis and Lovett, are also to be congratulated.

| MANCHESTER. | | | | | BRADFORD. | | | | |
|-----------------|--------------------|----|----|---------------|------------------|----|----|----|---------------|
| 1 | W. A. Fairhurst | .. | .. | I | J. Foulds | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 2 | Arthur Eva | .. | .. | I | H. L. Brooke | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 3 | T. Kelly | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | J. A. Woollard | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 4 | W. Turner | .. | .. | I | T. Hillary | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 5 | H. Barbasch | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | J. R. Deacon | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 6 | Dr. F. A. St. John | .. | .. | I | W. Staynes | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 7 | E. Toledano | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | W. W. Hale | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 8 | H. Napper | .. | .. | I | L. A. Skelton | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 9 | P. N. Wallis | .. | .. | I | W. Hewitt | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 10 | E. L. Lovett | .. | .. | I | L. E. Williams | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 11 | Dr. E. A. Ramsden | .. | .. | I | Z. Rosenthal | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ | | | | | 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ | | | | |

The Manchester Central visited Leeds for their annual match. Winning the toss they played White on the odd-numbered boards. The home team won $8\frac{1}{2}$ — $3\frac{1}{2}$.

LEEDS.

| | |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| 1 A. Schofield | 0 |
| 2 W. J. Berryman | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 3 G. H. Morrison | 1 |
| 4 M. Andrew | 1 |
| 5 S. Leader | 1 |
| 6 G. A. Beaumont | 0 |
| 7 W. Skirrow | 0 |
| 8 J. S. Capper | 1 |
| 9 J. Berenblum | 1 |
| 10 A. Roman | 1 |
| 11 W. F. Curtis | 1 |
| 12 H. F. Lipman | 1 |

 $8\frac{1}{2}$

MANCHESTER CENTRAL.

| | |
|-------------------------|---|
| F. H. Hardman | 1 |
| W. Phillips | 2 |
| F. Leigh | 0 |
| C. L. Brown | 0 |
| C. C. Dunkerley | 0 |
| J. A. Watt | 1 |
| F. Berry | 1 |
| J. H. Martin | 0 |
| W. Fothergill | 0 |
| J. O. Peacock | 0 |
| W. H. Brown | 0 |
| A. Littlewood | 0 |

 $3\frac{1}{2}$

For the Edwin Woodhouse Cup, Huddersfield finished with a score of 13. This can be reached by Sheffield if they win their match with Hull, which depends on adjudication. Both Hull and Sheffield have a score of 11, with this match undecided. Bradford finished with 12 so that either Huddersfield will win outright or tie with Sheffield, in which case a tie match will be played.

For the I. M. Brown Shield, Bradford has won the Trophy and also has the best game average in the contest. |

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A match between the Northern Universities and Cambridge University was played at Cambridge on March 5th, the Northern Universities scoring $5\frac{1}{2}$ — $4\frac{1}{2}$, with two unfinished games. On adjudication the match was drawn. We give below the full score of the match. Cambridge had the move on the odd-numbered boards.

NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES.

| | |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| 1 A. D. Shubsachs (Manchester) | 0 |
| 2 F. A. Amies (Leeds) | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 3 C. G. Addingle (Leeds) | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 4 R. J. Broadbent (Liverpool) | 1 |
| 5 F. Bradley (Liverpool) | 0 |
| 6 R. A. Eccleshall (Birmingham) | 1 |
| 7 D. N. Simmons (Birmingham) | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 8 C. Cosnett (Liverpool) | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 9 F. W. Bradley (Liverpool) .. | 0 |
| 10 W. L. Kent (Birmingham) .. | 1 |
| 11 R. M. Mordecaie (Birmingham) | 0 |
| 12 E. C. Brooks (Manchester) .. | 1 |

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CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.

| | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| B. Goulding Brown (Past) .. | 1 |
| J. E. West (Downing) | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| A. R. B. Thomas (St. John's) .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| G. E. Hewson (St. Catherine's) .. | 0 |
| A. W. Exell (Emmanuel) | 1 |
| H. C. J. Herrick (St. John's) .. | 0 |
| R. M. Dowdeswell (Emmanuel) .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| E. H. Bateman (Trinity) | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| G. W. Furlonge (Emmanuel) .. | 1 |
| Dr. P. Kapitza (Trinity) | 0 |
| P. Sherman (Trinity) | 1 |
| E. G. H. Beresford (Emmanuel) .. | 0 |

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Frank Maus writes to say that in the description of "Mummy" Chess given in the *B.C.M.* on page 452 of the December number, the printer, in the top paragraph of page 43 has left out the word "except"

We gave last month the full score of one of the semi-final matches for the Spens cup this year. Here is the score of the other, played February 20th. The final will be between the Edinburgh Ladies' and Bohemian.

| BOHEMIANS. | | | | | PAISLEY. | | | | |
|------------|---------------|----|----|----|----------------|----------------|----|----|----------------|
| 1 | I. Borthwick | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | W. A. Lockhead | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 2 | F. G. Harris | .. | .. | .. | 0 | D. Campbell | .. | .. | 1 |
| 3 | P. A. Stewart | .. | .. | .. | 1 | A. Edward | .. | .. | 0 |
| 4 | T. Duncanson | .. | .. | .. | 1 | A. S. Brown | .. | .. | 0 |
| 5 | I. Young | .. | .. | .. | 1 | H. N. Robb | .. | .. | 0 |
| 6 | M. Davis | .. | .. | .. | 1 | H. Spencer | .. | .. | 0 |
| 7 | I. Feital | .. | .. | .. | 0 | K. Mackenzie | .. | .. | 1 |
| | | | | | $4\frac{1}{2}$ | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | $2\frac{1}{2}$ |

The final was played at the Edinburgh Ladies' C.C. headquarters on Saturday, March 15th.

| BOHEMIANS. | | | | | EDINBURGH LADIES'. | | | | |
|------------|---------------|----|----|----|--------------------|----------------|----|----|----------------|
| 1 | J. Borthwick | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | Miss Gilchrist | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 2 | F. G. Harris | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | Mrs. Ritchie | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 3 | P. N. Stewart | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | Miss Malcolm | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 4 | J. Young | .. | .. | .. | 1 | Mrs. Mill | .. | .. | 0 |
| 5 | M. Davis | .. | .. | .. | 1 | Mrs. Henderson | .. | .. | 0 |
| 6 | L. Zeital | .. | .. | .. | 1 | Miss Kessen | .. | .. | 0 |
| 7 | A. F. Cariss | .. | .. | .. | 1 | Miss Henderson | .. | .. | 0 |
| | | | | | $5\frac{1}{2}$ | | | | $1\frac{1}{2}$ |

On Saturday, March 15th, at the rooms of the Glasgow C.C., Greenock and Falkirk played off to decide which club must drop out of the Richardson cup next season, to leave room for the winners of the Spens cup. Score:—

| GREENOCK. | | | | | FALKIRK. | | | | |
|-----------|---------------|----|----|----|---------------|---------------|----|----|---------------|
| 1 | Rev. J. Young | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | J. Gilchrist | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 2 | R. Leigh | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | W. Clark | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 3 | H. Dobson | .. | .. | .. | 1 | G. Owen | .. | .. | 0 |
| 4 | W. Sharp | .. | .. | .. | 1 | J. Smith | .. | .. | 0 |
| 5 | J. Currie | .. | .. | .. | 1 | T. M'Grouther | .. | .. | 0 |
| 6 | Dr. Love | .. | .. | .. | 0 | D. A. Millan | .. | .. | 1 |
| 7 | J. T. Graham | .. | .. | .. | 1 | W. R. Aitken | .. | .. | 0 |
| | | | | | 5 | | | | 2 |

The Central C.C. have won the Glasgow Chess League championship. The result depended on the adjudication of three unfinished games in their match with the Glasgow Club. The result being that the Central C.C. won by $5\frac{1}{2}$ — $4\frac{1}{2}$.

| CENTRAL. | | | | | GLASGOW. | | | | |
|----------|-----------------|----|----|----|----------------|-----------------|----|----|----------------|
| 1 | A. V. Logie | .. | .. | .. | 0 | W. Gibson | .. | .. | 1 |
| 2 | H. N. Walsworth | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | J. R. Longwill | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 3 | D. M. MacIsaac | .. | .. | .. | $*\frac{1}{2}$ | J. Marshall | .. | .. | $*\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 4 | J. R. Draper | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | J. M. Nichol | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 5 | J. H. Whyte | .. | .. | .. | 1 | A. J. Neilson | .. | .. | 0 |
| 6 | A. Smith | .. | .. | .. | $*\frac{1}{2}$ | W. A. R. Bryden | .. | .. | $*\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 7 | R. C. Borland | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | C. Ogilvie | .. | .. | 0 |
| 8 | A. Craig | .. | .. | .. | 1 | W. G. Crum | .. | .. | 1 |
| 9 | H. W. Tennant | .. | .. | .. | 0 | J. Crabb | .. | .. | 1 |
| 10 | R. Walker | .. | .. | .. | $*1$ | P. D. Walker | .. | .. | $*0$ |
| | | | | | $5\frac{1}{2}$ | | | | $4\frac{1}{2}$ |

* Adjudicated.

North Wales Chess Association.—The matches in the second round of this tournament for the Association's silver trophy, at present held by the Rhos Chess Club, have now been completed with the following results :—

Second Round.—Rhos *v.* Rydal Mount School, played at Chester, on Saturday, February 23rd.

| RHOS. | | | | | RYDAL SCHOOL. | | | | | | |
|-------|----------------|----|----|----|---------------|-------------|----|----|----|---------------|-------|
| 1 | T. Bennett | .. | .. | .. | 0 | H. A. Smyth | .. | .. | .. | 1 | |
| 2 | T. E. Jones | .. | .. | .. | 1 | T. E. Cooke | .. | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 3 | T. Read | .. | .. | .. | 0 | Ellis | .. | .. | .. | 1 | |
| 4 | E. T. Williams | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | Mitchell | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 5 | Ll. Green | .. | .. | .. | 1 | Hyde | .. | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 6 | J. A. Williams | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | Kirkup | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 7 | F. W. Mills | .. | .. | .. | 1 | Haworth | .. | .. | .. | 0 | |
| | | | | | <hr/> | | | | | | <hr/> |
| | | | | | 4 | | | | | | 3 |

Llandudno *v.* Gressford.—Gressford could not raise a team, so this match went to Llandudno by default.

The final match between Rhos and Llandudno will be played at Chester towards the end of next month. Chess players who would like to be present at this match are asked to communicate with the hon. secretary of the Association, Mr. J. B. C. Kershaw, Oaklands, Conway Road, Colwyn Bay, before the 15th of March.

On Saturday, March 1st, London University defeated Cambridge University by 7—4. The match was played at the Cambridge University headquarters, The Tea Shop, King's Parade. Score :—

| LONDON UNIVERSITY. | | | | | CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY. | | | | | |
|--------------------|------------------|----|----|----|-----------------------|--------------------------------|----|----|---------------|---|
| 1 | V. Buerger | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | A. R. B. Thomas (St. John's) | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 2 | M. E. Goldstein | .. | .. | .. | 0 | J. E. West (Downing) | .. | .. | 1 | |
| 3 | R. F. Goldstein | .. | .. | .. | 1 | R. M. Dowdeswell (Emmanuel) | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 4 | A. M. Ewbank | .. | .. | .. | 1 | A. W. Exell (Emmanuel) | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 5 | L. Klein | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | H. J. C. Herrick (St. John's) | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 6 | K. F. T. Mills | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | G. E. Henson (St. Catherine's) | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 7 | H. L. Zechhausen | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | E. H. Bateman (Trinity) | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 8 | L. F. MacLagan | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | G. W. Furlonge (Emmanuel) | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 9 | W. L. Roche | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | J. Pepper (Trinity) | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 10 | H. J. Beirs | .. | .. | .. | 1 | P. Sherman (Trinity) | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 11 | A. J. Farrington | .. | .. | .. | 1 | R. L. Martin (St. John's) | .. | .. | 0 | |
| | | | | | 7 | | | | | 4 |

On February 27th, at Oxford, Worcester College for the Blind played a match over 18 boards against the University. The record of the College, which holds the Public Schools' championship of Worcestershire this season is :—

| | | | | | |
|--|----|----|----|-------|----------------------------------|
| <i>v.</i> Worcester City C.C. | .. | .. | .. | won | 6—5 |
| <i>v.</i> Redditch C.C. | .. | .. | .. | won | 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ —4 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| <i>v.</i> Worcester Royal Grammar School | .. | .. | .. | won | 11—1 |
| <i>v.</i> Malvern C.C. | .. | .. | .. | drawn | 3—3 |
| <i>v.</i> Worcester King's School | .. | .. | .. | won | 4—2 |
| <i>v.</i> Worcester City C.C. | .. | .. | .. | lost | 2—4 |
| <i>v.</i> Pershore C.C. | .. | .. | .. | won | 5—1 |

In their match against Oxford, the College had the assistance of eight Old Boys, including T. H. Taylor, who defeated A. Oppenheim on the first board; E. S. Woodley, who played twice for Oxford v. Cambridge; V. C. Grimshaw, W. London and Middlesex; and E. I. Reed, who plays for Cardiff (and who defeated Capablanca when he was playing the College simultaneously). The headmaster, Mr. G. C. Brown, the Worcestershire player and hon. secretary of the County Association, was also helping the College. The University won by 13 games to 5. The 18th board, Rupert Cross, who is totally blind and only eleven years of age, sustained his first defeat in club matches.

Worcester College for the Blind succeeded in retaining the Worcestershire Public Schools' championship by defeating their challengers, King's School, Worcester, by six games to 0. The winning team were M. Bates, R. Brearley, R. Bonham, V. Nelson, C. D. Wheeler and A. Bruce. Three of whom played for the county in the big match v. Warwickshire at Birmingham last month.

Brembridge Cup.—The following are the scores of matches played in the semi-final round. Played at Totnes on February 7th :—

| TOTNES. | | | | | PAIGNTON. | | | | |
|---------|-------------------|----|----|-----|--------------|----|----|----|-----|
| 1 | Dr. H. Allingham | .. | .. | 1/2 | H. Erskine | .. | .. | .. | 1/2 |
| 2 | Rev. J. S. Martin | .. | .. | 0 | D. Pitt Fox | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| 3 | W. J. Belam | .. | .. | 1 | F. Deas | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 4 | W. J. Brely | .. | .. | *1 | A. Stubbs | .. | .. | .. | *0 |
| 5 | T. Youldon | .. | .. | 1 | J. E. Walker | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 6 | W. A. Martin | .. | .. | 0 | S. Slater | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| <hr/> | | | | | <hr/> | | | | |
| 3 1/2 | | | | | 2 1/2 | | | | |

Played at Exeter on February 9th :—

| EXETER. | | | | | PLYMOUTH. | | | | |
|---------|-----------------|----|----|----------------|------------------|----|----|----------------|-------|
| 1 | H. V. Mallinson | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | T. Taylor | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 2 | H. J. Stretton | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | R. M. Bruce | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 3 | A. J. Roberts | .. | .. | 1 | Rev. J. J. Smith | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 4 | Rev. A. Seymour | .. | .. | $*\frac{1}{2}$ | W. S. Diggins | .. | .. | $*\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 5 | M. Langdon | .. | .. | 0 | J. Nancarrow | .. | .. | 1 | |
| 6 | S. W. A. Moyle | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | H. G. Phillips | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
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| | | | | 3 | | | | | 3 |

* Adjudicated by Mr. Van Vliet.

The match in the semi-final round of the Brembridge Cup competition was replayed at Plymouth on March 8th, when the score was :—

| EXETER. | | | | | PLYMOUTH. | | | | |
|---------|-----------------|----|----|-----------------|-------------------|----|----|----|-----------------|
| 1 | H. V. Mallinson | .. | .. | * $\frac{1}{2}$ | T. Taylor | .. | .. | .. | * $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 2 | H. J. Stretton | .. | .. | *1 | R. M. Bruce | .. | .. | .. | *0 |
| 3 | A. J. Roberts | .. | .. | 0 | Dr. C. Ll. Lander | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| 4 | Rev. A. Seymour | .. | .. | 1 | Rev. J. J. Smith | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 5 | M. Langdon | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | W. S. Diggins | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 6 | S. W. A. Moyle | .. | .. | 0 | A. Briais | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| <hr/> | | | | | <hr/> | | | | |
| 3 | | | | | 3 | | | | |

* Adjudicated.

For the second time the match is a tie, and it will have to be replayed.

The eastern semi-final for the Butler cup—a trophy presented by H. W. Butler for competition between any schools in Sussex (age limit, 16) was played at the premises of the Hastings Chess Club, on March 11th, between St. Leonards Collegiate School and Hastings Grammar School. The result being a draw, a replay took place the following day, which the Collegians won by 3 to 2. Appended is the score of the two matches.

ST. LEONARDS COLLEGIATE SCHOOL.

| | Mar. 11 | Mar. 12 |
|----------------------|---------|---------|
| 1 C. W. Reeve .. | *1 | *½ |
| 2 A. L. Bonissent .. | ½ | *1 |
| 3 R. D. T. Burns .. | *½ | *½ |
| 4 D. A. C. Gibbs .. | ½ | 1 |
| 5 B. Banister .. | 0 | *0 |
| | 2½ | 3 |

* Adjudicated.

HASTINGS GRAMMAR SCHOOL. 1

| | Mar. 11 | Mar. 12 |
|---------------------|---------|---------|
| S. Tunnell .. | *0 | *½ |
| L. S. Norman .. | ½ | *0 |
| R. F. Cartwright .. | *½ | *½ |
| F. L. Jukes .. | ½ | 0 |
| C. W. Woodcock .. | 1 | *1 |
| | 2½ | 2 |

As may be judged from the number of adjudications necessary, the games were very hard and well fought.

On March 22nd the visitors met Brighton Municipal Secondary School (who had won the western semi-final against Christ Church School, Brighton, by 4—1) in the final. This also was played at Hastings and resulted in an overwhelming victory for St. Leonards Collegiate School. Score:—

ST. LEONARDS COLLEGIATE SCHOOL.

| | |
|----------------------|---|
| 1 C. W. Reeve .. | 1 |
| 2 A. L. Bonissent .. | 1 |
| 3 R. D. T. Burns .. | 1 |
| 4 D. A. C. Gibbs .. | 1 |
| 5 B. Banister .. | 1 |
| | 5 |

BRIGHTON MUNICIPAL SECONDARY SCHOOL.

| | |
|----------------|---|
| E. R. Baker .. | 0 |
| E. Margend .. | 0 |
| H. G. Kilby .. | 0 |
| T. G. Mayes .. | 0 |
| C. Marsh .. | 0 |
| | 0 |

The last match in the Hamilton-Russell competition for the London clubs was played on March 11th, between the R.A.C. and the Constitutional Club, which resulted as follows:—

CONSTITUTIONAL CLUB.

| | |
|--------------------------|----|
| 1 H. Saunders .. | ½ |
| 2 C. E. Taylor .. | 1 |
| 3 H. Hardcastle .. | ½ |
| 4 C. D. Morton .. | 0 |
| 5 M. E. Hughes-Hughes .. | 1 |
| 6 Lt.-Col. H. W. King .. | ½ |
| | 3½ |

ROYAL AUTOMOBILE CLUB.

| | |
|------------------------------------|----|
| R. Eastman .. | ½ |
| G. E. Fulstow .. | 0 |
| F. J. Dickson .. | ½ |
| E. Titley .. | 1 |
| P. S. Harding .. | 0 |
| Lt.-Col. Assheton Pownall, M.P. .. | ½ |
| | 2½ |

The result of the competition is that the National Liberal Club are the first holders of the Challenge Cup, having scored 6½. The Constitutional were second with 5½, R.A.C. third with 5, followed by Junior Constitutional, and Reform Clubs 3½, Athenaeum and Savile Clubs 2, and Junior Carlton 0. It has been quite a successful first year, but it is hoped that several more clubs will enter next season.

As some solatium for the loss of the Badminton singles championship, Sir G. A. Thomas has won the City of London Chess championship, the holder, J. H. Blake being second, one point behind. The tournament is not quite finished. The table of results is as follows:—

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Sir G. A. Thomas | — | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 2 J. H. Blake | 1 | — | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 3 L. P. Savage | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | — | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | — | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ (1 unf.) |
| 4 E. E. Middleton | 1 | 1 | 0 | — | 0 | — | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 9 (2 unf.) |
| 5 R. P. Michell | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | — | 0 | 1 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 9 |
| 6 E. G. Sergeant | 0 | 1 | 0 | — | 1 | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 | 1 | — | 0 | 1 | 1 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ (2 unf.) |
| 7 F. F. L. Alexander | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 | 1 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 8 R. C. J. Walker | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 | — | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 9 H. Jacobs | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| 10 H. Saunders | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 11 P. W. Sergeant | 0 | 0 | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 | — | 1 | — | 1 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 6 (2 unf.) |
| 12 E. Macdonald | 0 | 1 | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | 1 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | 1 | 0 | — | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ (1 unf.) |
| 13 J. M. Bee | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | — | 1 | — | 0 | — | 1 | 5 (2 unf.) |
| 14 H. S. Barlow | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | 4 (1 unf.) |
| 15 E. T. Jesty | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | — | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ (2 unf.) |
| 16 W. Gooding | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | — | — | — | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ (2 unf.) |

LONDON CHESS LEAGUE. "A" TABLE.

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | |
|----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1 Brixton | — | 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 10 | 11* | 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 14 | 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 11 | 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 2 Hampstead | 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | 8* | 13 | 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 10 |
| 3 Athenaeum | 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 10 | 10 | — | — | 11 | — | 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 12 | 15 | 0 |
| 4 North London | 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 10 | 11 | 12 | 14 | 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 5 West London | 10 | 8* | 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 12 | 11 | — | 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 11 | 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 6 Metropolitan | 5* | 7 | 10 | 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ * | 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | 8 | 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 13 | — | 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 17 | 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 7 Battersea | 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 10 | 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 8 | 12 | — | 11 | 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 11 | 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | 15 | 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 8 Ludeagle | — | 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | 10 | 9 | 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 9 | — | 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 12 | 11 | 11 | 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 17 | 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 9 Leyton | 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | 9 | — | 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | 13 | 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | 10 | 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 10 Bohemians | 6 | 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 9 | 8 | 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 8 | 7 | — | 11 | — | 13 | 12 | 3 |
| 11 Lewisham | 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 7 | — | 6 | 9 | 7 | 9 | 9 | 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 9 | — | 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 10 | 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 12 Wood Green | 6 | 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 9 | — | — | 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | 11 | 15 | 3 |
| 13 Islington | 9 | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 8 | 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 10 | 7 | 10 | 9 | — | 9 | 1 |
| 14 Lee | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 5 | — | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 3 | 5 | 3 | 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 8 | 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 5 | 11 | — | 1 |

Major R. W. Barnett, M.P., writing an article on "Chess as a Service Game," in the first number of the *Fighting Forces*, the new service quarterly magazine, asks why is chess played so little in the services? He recalls the widespread interest in the game throughout the army during the war, but deplores the fact that at the Service Clubs in London the game is practically unknown. We hope that his article will stir up members of these clubs to take up the King of Games, which as he points out, inculcates courage and caution, respect for opponents, patience in adversity, concentration, determination, imagination, etc.

MATCHES IN BRIEF.

| <i>Date.</i> | <i>Home Side.</i> | <i>Visitors.</i> | <i>H.S.</i> | <i>V.</i> | <i>Occasion.</i> |
|--------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------|-----------|------------------|
| Feb. 13 | North London II | Y.M.C.A. | 1½ | 6½ | L.C.L.C. |
| " 13 | C.T.O. | Paddington | 5 | 3 | Postal L. |
| " 13 | Phoenix | S.E.P.O. | 4½ | 3½ | Postal L. |
| " 14 | E.C. and P.S. | S.E.D.O. | 7½ | 1½ | Postal L. |
| " 14 | North London | Bohemians | 12 | 8 | L.C.L.A. |
| " 15 | Battersea | Leyton | 9½ | 10½ | L.C.L.A. |
| " 18 | Engineers' Club | London Pr'ss Cl'b | 4 | 4 | friendly |
| " 19 | Islington | Lee | 9 | 11 | L.C.L.A. |
| " 20 | S.W.D.O. | N.W.D.O. | 5 | 3 | Postal L. |
| " 21 | Inland Section | W.D.O. | 5½ | 2½ | Postal L. |
| " 21 | Bohemians | Athenaeum | 9 | 11 | L.C.L.A. |
| " 22 | Metropolitan | Battersea | 8 | 12 | L.C.L.A. |
| " 22 | Wood Green | Lewisham | 10½ | 9½ | L.C.L.A. |
| " 23 | Middlesex | Surrey | 7 | 13 | S.C.C.U. |
| " 23 | Shropshire | Leicestershire | 3½ | 11½ | M.C.C.U. |
| " 23 | Leeds | Bradford | 5½ | 4½ | E.W.C. |
| " 23 | Sheffield | Hull | 1 | 2½ | E.W.C. |
| " 23 | Huddersfield | Rotherham | 8 | 2 | E.W.C. |
| " 25 | North London II | Battersea II | 2½ | 5½ | L.C.L.C. |
| " 26 | Nat. Lib. Club | Athenaeum | 6 | 0 | H.-R.C. |
| " 27 | Junior Const. Club | Athenaeum | 4½ | 1½ | H.-R.C. |
| " 27 | Y.M.C.A. | Claremont | 4 | 3* | L.C.L.C. |
| " 27 | Lee | Leyton | 7½ | 12½ | L.C.L.A. |
| " 27 | E.C.F.S. | S.E.P.O. | 5 | 3 | Postal L. |
| " 28 | Metropolitan | Brixton | 5 | 11**** | L.C.L.A. |
| " 28 | Bohemians | West London | 5½ | 14½ | L.C.L.A. |
| " 28 | Athenaeum | Islington | 12 | 8 | L.C.L.A. |
| " 28 | North London | Wood Green | 15 | 4½ | L.C.L.A. |
| Mar. 1 | Hertfordshire | Bedfordshire | 9½ | 7½ | S.C.C.U. |
| " 1 | Cambridge Univ. | London Univ. | 6½ | 4½ | friendly |
| " 1 | Glasgow | Edinburgh | 2½ | 2½** | R.C. Final |
| " 1 | Hastings | Brighton | 13 | 5 | friendly |
| " 1 | Bradford | Manchester | 1½ | 9½ | friendly |
| " 1 | Leeds | Manchester | 8½ | 3½ | friendly |
| " 1 | Huddersfield | Sheffield | 5½ | 4½ | E.W.C. |
| " 3 | West London | Hampstead | 8 | 8**** | L.C.L.A. |
| " 4 | Lee | Battersea | 5 | 15 | L.C.L.A. |
| " 4 | Hampstead II | Claremont | 7 | 1 | L.C.L.C. |
| " 4 | Reform Club | Athenaeum | 3½ | 2½ | H.-R.C. |
| " 4 | East London Coll. | Ladies' C'C' | 3 | 6 | friendly |
| " 4 | C.T.O. | S.W.D.O. | 4 | 4 | Postal L. |
| " 6 | Ludeagle | Lewisham | 11 | 9 | L.C.C.A. |
| " 6 | Vectis | Plymouth | 4 | 6 | friendly |
| " 8 | Bradford | Sheffield | 7 | 3 | E.W.C. |
| " 8 | Tonbridge Wells 'A' | Hastings II | 8 | 4 | friendly |
| " 8 | Metropolitan | Birmingham | 10 | 5 | friendly |
| " 8 | Civil Service | Middlesex | 18 | 32 | friendly |
| " 8 | Huddersfield | Leeds | 6 | 4 | E.W.C. |
| " 11 | Hampstead | Postal League | 2½ | 4½ | Mx. Cup. |
| " 12 | Y.M.C.A. | Hampstead II | 7 | 1 | L.C.L.C. |
| " 15 | Perth | Dundee | 4 | 7 | friendly |
| " 15 | Greenock | Falkirk | 5 | 2 | R.C. q.r. |
| " 15 | Edinburgh Ladies | Bohemian | 1½ | 5½ | S.C. Final |
| " 15 | Bradford II | Huddersfield II | 8½ | 1½ | I.M.B.S. |
| " 15 | Leeds II | Sheffield II | 6 | 4 | I.M.B.S. |
| " 17 | Finchley | Hampstead | 1 | 7 | Mx. Cup |
| " 17 | Insurance | Combined Univs. | 8½ | 12½ | friendly |

| Date. | Home Side. | Visitors. | H.S. | V. | Occasion. |
|----------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------|--------|--------------|
| Mar. 18— | Hampstead | Combined Univs. | 11 .. | 10 .. | friendly |
| „ 18— | Imperial | Lensbury | 14½ .. | 5½ .. | friendly |
| „ 19— | City of London .. | Combined Univs. | 9½ .. | 12½ .. | friendly |
| „ 19— | Glasgow | Bohemians | 5 .. | 5 .. | G.L.I. |
| „ 20— | Ludeagle | Oxford University | 5 .. | 1 .. | Consultation |
| „ 21— | Oxford University.. | Cambridge Univ. | 4½ .. | 2½ .. | friendly |
| „ 22— | Middlesex | Surrey | 102 .. | 73 .. | M.C.C. |
| „ 22— | Cambridge Univer- sity (Past) | Oxford Univer- sity (Past) | 6½ .. | 4½ .. | friendly |
| „ 22— | Leicestershire.. .. | Warwickshire .. | 5 .. | 6† .. | M.C.C.U. f.l |
| „ 22— | West London | Combined Univ. | 11½ .. | 3½ .. | friendly |
| „ 22— | Dundee | Edinburgh | 6 .. | 11 .. | friendly |
| „ 25— | Imperial | Combined Univs. (Present) | 4 .. | 6 .. | friendly |

† Five for adjudication.

‡ Seven for adjudication.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A MORPHY ENDING.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE *B.C.M.*

SIR,—One day last summer, through your courtesy, I had forwarded to me a query from the Rev. A. H. Pollen, R.N., as to how on p. 288 of my *Morphy's Games of Chess* (Game CCXXXI) the statement “22 Q—Kt 1 ch, and mates in 6” could be justified. Inadvertently I buried Mr. Pollen's letter in the pages of the *B.C.M.* and so neglected to answer it. I apologise, both to the writer and to you.

Well, the mate is really one in 5 *after* Q—Kt 1 ch, or 6 including that move. As Mr. Pollen says, 22.. Q—B4 is Black's best reply. Then follows 23 Kt.—R 4 ch, K×B1; 24 Q×Q ch, K—R 3; 25 P—Kt 4 (not 25 R—K 6 ch, as Mr. Pollen suggests, because of K×P), B×P ch; 26 K—Kt 2, anything; 27 Q—R 5 mate.

Yours, etc.,

ST. JOHN'S WOOD,
March 1st, 1924.

PHILIP W. SERGEANT.

CHESS NOTATION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE *B.C.M.*

DEAR SIR,—*Re* Chess Notation. To my mind Mr. C. Frost's notation is somewhat complicated (Dec. *B.C.M.*) and I suggest the following. It is one I always use myself, for it stops all confusion in regards to Queen's or King's side.

The files are lettered from left to right and the ranks are counted in the usual English fashion, *i.e.*, from both sides of the board and not from White's side only.

Here is an example. Game No. 5,148, Price *v.* Scott:—

| | | | |
|------------|---------|----------|---------|
| 1 Kt—K B 3 | = Kt—f3 | P—K B 4 | = P—f4 |
| 2 P—Q 4 | = P—d4 | Kt—K B 3 | = K—f3 |
| 3 B—Kt 5 | = B—g5 | Kt—K 5 | = Kt—e5 |
| 4 P—K 3 | = P—e3 | Kt×B | = Kt×B |

I think Kt×B is simpler than Kt to g5.

Yours faithfully,

345 HIGH STREET, ROCHESTER.
28th January, 1924.

A. J. PHILLIPS.

NEWS FROM THE DOMINIONS AND FOREIGN LANDS.

New Zealand.—Further details to hand about the recent championship congress, from F. K. Kelling's report in the *Wellington Evening Post*, show that in the whole tournament, including the preliminary section, Spencer Crackanthorp scored 10 wins and 3 draws in 13 games, while J. A. Moir, one of the three runners-up, scored 7 wins and six draws. As it was the latter's first appearance in the event and he has already, at the age of 27, twice won the championship of Auckland C.C., it is not surprising to hear that Moir is looked upon as a player of great possibilities.

A. W. Gyles, who, with E. H. Severne, made the same score in the final section as Moir, has now been six times runner-up for the N.Z. championship. "Surely," writes Mr. Kelling, "the door cannot be barred much longer!"

Before leaving for his home in Sydney, Mr. Crackanthorp gave two simultaneous exhibitions, in Wellington and Auckland, playing 38 games, of which he won 28, drew 6, and lost 4.

Our frontispiece shows a group of the players and officials at Wellington.

South Africa.—The championship tournament of the Queenstown (Cape Province) C.C. has resulted as follows: I, L. H. Brinkman, 7; II, P. T. Edwards, 6½, after a tie with B. H. Godden, whom he beat in a match 2—1; P. Arnold and T. Dark, 5 each; E. Gebhardt, 0. R. C. Donnell won the second-class championship with 11½ points in 13 games.

Australia.—In the interstate telegraphic match, New South Wales *v.* Queensland, on New Year's Day, only six out of fifteen games were concluded, N.S.W. having the advantage of 3½—2½ on conclusion of play.

Canada.—On January 25th, Alekhine played 36 games simultaneously, two of them blindfold, at the Central Y.M.C.A., Toronto. He won 31 (including both the blindfold games), drew 4, and lost 1—to C. N. Ritchie, of Hamilton. Among the defeated was J. S. Morrison, Canadian champion, who competed at the London Congress of 1922, while two of those who succeeded in drawing were S. F. Gale, champion of Toronto, and M. Fox, formerly of the Middlesex county team.

Malta.—A congress of the young M.C.A. was opened at Senglea on December 26th by Dr. A. Borg Grech, president of the Association, with a representative gathering of chessplayers in attendance, of whom eighteen took part in the subsequent tournaments. In the major of these there were six competitors, including O. Serracino Inglott, the holder of the Maltese championship title. Finally there was a tie, at 4 points each, between this player and R. B. Jackson, the latter having beaten Inglott, but losing to A. M. Milanese. A match of three games was played to decide the tie, the holder winning all and so retaining his title. C. Busietta was third, with 3 points.

In the Minor tournament Harold German made a clean score of 11, 3 points ahead of his nearest rivals, S. Azzopardi and E. Busuttil, who scored 8 each.

We gladly accede to the request of A. M. Milanese, acting secretary of the Association, that we shall give what publicity we can to these details, and only regret that, February having been a short month, we had already gone to press with our March issue when they reached us.

The address of the Association, we note, is 36 Strada Vittoria, Senglea. We shall always welcome news therefrom and, when space permits, give our readers the benefit of it.

West Indies.—In the handicap tournament of the Bridgetown (Barbados) C.C. for a prize offered by C. B. Franklin, of Trinidad, the Rev. F. Godson (Class A) came out first, and D. Thomas (Class B) second, the latter being awarded a special prize and being promoted to Class A. The local champion, S. B. Inniss, tied for third place.

A West Indian branch has been formed of the British Correspondence Chess Association—a precursor, we hope, of a W.I. Chess Union, in affiliation with the B.C.F.

British Guiana.—At the annual meeting of the Citizen's C.C., Georgetown, Demerara, on February 16th, the championship bronze medal was presented to V. Goulding, first prize-winner in the last competition. At the termination of his year as club champion he and his two predecessors are to play for the Wood Davis Gold Medal.

J. Gonsalves was awarded second prize in the tourney, as having the best score below players of Class I. The gold medal in the handicap competition of 1923 was awarded to Master C. B. L. Osborne, in succession to his grandfather in 1921 and his father in 1922—surely a record without parallel in any chess club!

United States.—We deal with the New York tournament elsewhere.

Edward Lasker informs us that he is endeavouring to arrange a tournament in the autumn for the U.S. championship, in which F. J. Marshall, the holder of the title, will be invited to compete.

The championship of the Los Angeles C.C. has been won by Stasch Mlotkowski, who scored $14\frac{1}{2}$ — $3\frac{1}{2}$. He won his first four games, lost the next three, then scored ten wins in succession, and ended with a draw. D. H. Mugridge and E. Schrader were second and third *ex æquo*, with $13\frac{1}{2}$ — $4\frac{1}{2}$; but Mugridge was decidedly unlucky in having to divide, as several retirements of players operated far more prejudicially to his score than to Schrader's.

At the Los Angeles Chess and Checker Club, Alekhine played no less than 45 games simultaneously, including 2 blindfold. He won 35 games, among them the blindfold, drew 6, and lost 4.

France.—The first-class tournament of the Paris chess club, "Les Echecs du Palais-Royal," has been won by A. Gibaud (whom many English players will remember at Hastings in 1919), with a score of 7 out of 9 possible points. J. Korb was second, half a point

behind, while among the less successful competitors we notice the names of V. Kahn and M. Romih, both of whom have been seen in England within the past two years.

The women's tournament organised by "Le Fou de Roi," Paris, attracted 12 entries and was won by Mlle. Frigard, who, we are told by *La Stratégie*, is a talented violinist. The club has been encouraged by the success of this tournament to reserve one night a week for women-chessplayers.

Belgium.—The championship tournament of the "Cercle des Augustins," now said to be the most important of the chess clubs in Brussels, has been won by Edmond Lancel with a score of 15 out of 18, second prize falling to E. Wilden (13), third to M. Nebel (11), and fourth *ex æquo* to the Comte de Villegas and —. Fidler (9½ each). The contest was a double-round one of ten players.

Holland.—On November 7th, the young Dutch champion, Max Euwe, took his degree as Doctor of Philosophy. Six days later he began a series of simultaneous exhibitions at chess, of which the results were, by January 18th:—15 exhibitions, 445 games played; 405 won, 18 drawn, 22 lost. It is pleasant to see that "philosophy" and chess can go hand in hand!

Spain.—The alleged record of 32 games simultaneously, blindfold, by the Spanish champion, Sr. Juncosa, is now stated to be—well, somewhat exaggerated. The *Deutsches Wochensach* says, on the authority of Reti in the *Börsen-Courier*, that 27 of the games went by default, owing to the non-appearance of opponents! The feat would therefore seem to have been rather Quixotic, with the substitution of chess-boards for windmills.

Norway.—The Christiania C.C. celebrated its forty-years jubilee last February.

Russia.—Before leaving Europe for the New York tournament, Dr. Emanuel Lasker paid his promised visit to Russia and played a series of games with some of the young masters, such as Nenarokoff, Grigorieff and Rabinovitch, losing none and only drawing one.

Argentina.—The Major tournament, under the auspices of the newly formed Argentine Chess Federation, attracted nine entries, including that of Sr. Damian Reca, the Argentine champion of 1923. A double-round contest was played, Reca winning four and drawing four games in each half, and thus scoring 12 points, two ahead of his three nearest competitors, V. F. Coria, R. Grau and L. Palau, who each scored 10. A. G. Bonea scored 9; R. de Witt and R. Illa, 7½ each; L. B. Rawson, 6; and M. Subira y del Rio (retired), 0.

The Club Argentino de Ajedrez has been holding a blindfold tournament—probably the first on record.

THE BRITISH CORRESPONDENCE CHESS ASSOCIATION.

All communications respecting these pages should be addressed to the hon. secretary, Mr. H. E. Matthews, 37 Anson Street, Monton, Eccles, Manchester.

Matches.—A match is being arranged against the French Chess Federation, whose players will be selected from the principal French clubs. It is expected that some 20—25 boards will be engaged and the match should prove a stiff test of our strength.

By the time these lines appear the match with the *Chess Amateur* will be in progress. There will be 96 players on each side, a record, we believe, for a correspondence match. On account of the claims of the French match we are not so strong as usual on the top boards, but we anticipate, nevertheless, a close fight.

A match was begun early in March against a team selected by the chess editor of the *Belfast News-Letter*, the following players taking part:—

B.C.C.A.—1, J. D. Chambers; 2, E. Parsons; 3, Wm. Bussell; 4, H. E. Matthews; 5, A. J. Windybank; 6, A. Rhead; 7, P. Wilson; 8, C. North; 9, M. J. Malone; 10, S. G. Duffell; 11, P. Henderson; 12, A. E. Hays; 13, W. C. Wallis; 14, R. N. Murray; 15, R. G. Somerville.

Belfast News-Letter—1, W. J. Allen; 2, L. E. Deens; 3, S. E. Manderson; 4, F. H. Purdy; 5, B. Allen; 6, R. Stewart; 7, A. Anderson; 8, G. C. Hamilton; 9, W. D. Redmond; 10, Miss Allen; 11, W. S. Suffern; 12, G. Browne; 13, A. Atherton; 14, J. P. McCarthy; 15, C. Rohn. We have the move on the odd-numbered boards.

Trophies Tourney.—The following additional results have been received. The position in Class 1a is even more than usually interesting. Of the ten players only Dr. Macdonald has not yet lost a point. As the first round is not completed, it will be seen that the section is very open.

Class 1a: Chambers 1, Ffoulkes 0; Macdonald 1, Bodkin 0; Macdonald 1, Ffoulkes 0. Class 1b: Cope $\frac{1}{2}$, Bussell $\frac{1}{2}$; Jones, E. M. $\frac{1}{2}$, Sparke $\frac{1}{2}$; Jones, E. M. $\frac{1}{2}$, White $\frac{1}{2}$; Sparke 1, White 0. Class 2a: Finch $\frac{1}{2}$, Colborne $\frac{1}{2}$; North 1, Blanshard 0; Richardson 1, Evill 0; Richardson 1, Windybank 0; Richardson 1, Rutherford 0; Richardson $\frac{1}{2}$, Wilson $\frac{1}{2}$; Evill 1, Wilson 0. Class 2b: Jayne 1, Ditcham 0. Class 3a: Hays 1, Miss Abraham 0; Henderson 1, Heath 0. Class 3b: Rocks 1, Rynders 0; Wallis 1, Lesser 0; Gurney $\frac{1}{2}$, Lesser $\frac{1}{2}$. Class 4a: Holmes 1, Hume 0; Holmes 1; Goodwin 0; Hall 1, Miss Chater 0. Class 4b: Hirst 1, Doyle 0; Behrndt 1, Kennedy 0. Class 4c: McClusky 1, Griffin 0; Bogg retires from third round, games scored to his opponents. Class 5a: Wilcox 1, Ashley 0; Beckwith 1, Ellis 0. Class 5b: Tysall 1, Curson 0; Tysall 1, Baker 0; Tysall 1, Burton 0; Price 1, Tysall 0; Curson 1, Halford 0; Coole 1, Green 0; Price 1, Halford 0; Burton 1, Green 0; Burton 1, Baker 0; Coole 1, Price 0. Class 5c: Newbold 1, Miss Eveling 0.

Handicap Tourney.—*Wins* : Armitage *v.* Miss Chater (2), Simeon : Bardsley *v.* Davis ; Burton *v.* Baker (2) ; Bodkin *v.* Cornwell (2) ; Chambers *v.* White, Gale ; Curson *v.* Maden, Miss Eveling, Withey (2) ; Cornwell *v.* Aston-Lewis (2) ; Cottey *v.* Seymour, Burton (2), Moon (2) ; Edwards *v.* Cave (2) ; Evill *v.* Chambers, Bogg ; Gurney *v.* Brady ; Houghton *v.* Curzon ; Hall *v.* Madge ; Lesser *v.* Rynders, Miss Chater ; Laslet *v.* Duffell ; Lister *v.* Wilcox ; Munro *v.* Lister, Folley (2) ; McCluskey *v.* Griffin ; Mrs. Pullin *v.* Miss Eveling (2) ; Rynders *v.* Lesser, Gurney (2) ; Simeon *v.* Armitage ; Snook *v.* McKellen ; Somerville *v.* Wilcox ; Thomas *v.* Folley (2) ; Tollit *v.* Hume (2) ; Wilcox *v.* Ashley, Hume, Brady. *Draws* : Bardsley *v.* Davies ; Chambers *v.* Bogg, Rutherford (2), White ; Brady *v.* Gurney ; Duffell *v.* Wilcox ; Gurney *v.* Lesser ; Lord, A. H. *v.* Parr ; Snook *v.* Tollit (2).

The following game was played in the current Trophies Tourney and has quite an interesting ending.

GAME NO. 5,205.

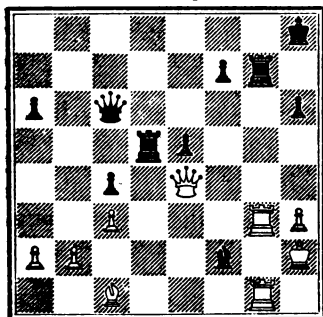
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|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 P—Q 4 | 1 P—Q 4 | 27 K—R 2 | 27 P×P |
| 2 Kt—K B 3 | 2 Kt—K B 3 | 28 P×P | 28 Kt—K 4 |
| 3 P—B 4 | 3 P—K 3 | 29 R—B 1 | 29 Kt×B 4 |
| 4 B—Kt 5 | 4 B—K 2 | 30 Q×Kt | 30 R—Q 2 |
| 5 P—K 3 | 5 Castles | 31 Q—B 2 | 31 K R—Q 1 |
| 6 Kt—B 3 | 6 P—Q Kt 3 | 32 Kt—Kt 3 | 32 B—K 5 |
| 7 P×P | 7 P×P | 33 Q—B 1 | 33 R—Q B 2 |
| 8 R—B 1 | 8 B—Kt 2 | 34 R—R 4 | 34 Q—K 4 |
| 9 B—Q 3 | 9 Kt—K 5 | 35 R—Q 4 | 35 R(Q 1)—Q B 1 |
| 10 B×B | 10 Q×B | 36 R (B 1)—Q 1 | 36 Q—K 2 |
| 11 Castles | 11 P—K B 4 | 37 Q—B 3 | 37 K—R 2 |
| 12 Q—Kt 3 | 12 P—B 3 | 38 R—Q 6 | 38 Q—Kt 2 |
| 13 K R—Q 1 | 13 Kt×Kt | 39 R (Q 1)—Q 4 | 39 R—K 2 |
| 14 R×Kt | 14 Kt—Q 2 | 40 P—B 6 | 40 R (B 1)—B 2 |
| 15 K R—Q B 1 | 15 Q R—B 1 | 41 Kt—R 5 | 41 Q—K 4 |
| 16 Q—B 2 | 16 P—Kt 3 | 42 P—Q R 4 | 42 B—B 6 |
| 17 Q—K 2 | 17 R—Q B 2 | 43 Q—Q 2 | 43 Q×K P |
| 18 P—K R 4 | 18 P—K R 3 | 44 R—Q 7 | 44 R (B 2)×R |
| 19 P—K Kt 3 | 19 K—Kt 2 | 45 Q×Q | 45 R×Q |
| 20 Q—B 2 | 20 Q—B 3 | 46 R×R ch | 46 K—Kt 3 |
| 21 P—Q Kt 4 | 21 P—K Kt 4 | 47 K—Kt 1 | 47 P—B 5 |
| 22 K—Kt 2 | 22 P—Kt 5 | 48 R—Q Kt 7 | 48 R—K 8 ch |
| 23 Kt—Q 2 | 23 P—B 4 | 49 K—B 2 | 49 R—K 7 ch |
| 24 R—R 3 | 24 B—B 3 | 50 K—B 1 | 50 P×P |
| 25 Kt P×P | 25 P×P | 51 R—Kt 1 | 51 R—K R 7 |
| 26 P×P | 26 P—Q 5 ch | 52 K—K 1 | 52 P—Kt 7 |
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CHESS FOR BEGINNERS

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Problem No. 141.

BLACK (10 pieces)

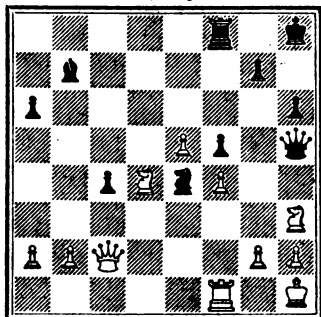


WHITE (9 pieces)

How should White continue ?

Problem No. 142.

BLACK (10 pieces)



WHITE (11 pieces)

How should Black continue ?

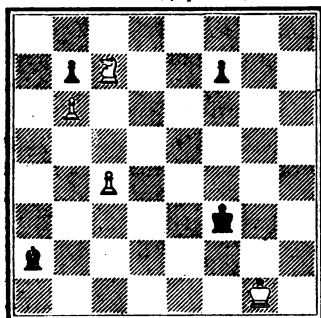
These two problems were taken from Alfred Emery's *Chess Sacrifices and Traps*, just published by Frank Hollings, 7 Great Turnstile, Holborn, W.C.2, a review of which appears elsewhere in this number.

Problem 141 was a position which occurred in a City of London Tournament game in 1922, but the opportunity of winning by 1 Q—R 7 ch, K×Q; 2 R×R ch, K—R 1; 3 R—Kt 8 ch, K—R 2; 4 R (Kt 1)—Kt 7 mate was overlooked.

Problem 142 is from a simultaneous exhibition by Alekhine, who won by 1... Q×Kt; 2 P×Q, Kt—B 7 dbl. ch; 3 K—Kt 1, Kt×P mate.

Problem No. 143.

BLACK (4 pieces)



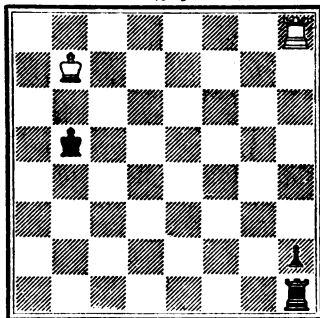
WHITE (4 pieces)

White to play.

What result and how ?

Problem No. 144.

BLACK (3 pieces)



WHITE (2 pieces)

Black to play.

What result and how ?

These two problems were taken from J. Berger's *Theorie und Praxis des Endspiele* (Walter de Gruyter & Co.). Problem 143 was composed by J. Berger in 1889 and is won by 1 P—B 5, B—Kt 8;

2 Kt—K 6 ! (P—B 6, B—K 4 !), P×Kt ; 3 P—B 6 and wins. Problem **144** is by A. Trotzky and was published in the *Deutsche Schachzeitung* in 1896, and is won by 1. ., K—B 4 ; 2 K—B 2, K—Q 4 ; 3 K—Q 2, K—K 4 ; 4 K—K 2, K—B 5 ; 5 K—B 3, R—K B 8 ; 6 R×P, K—Kt 6 dis ch.

A still further decrease in solvers this month, reduced now to 29, is specially disappointing at the moment since I called together my co-editors this month to ask to be relieved of responsibility for the "News from the British Isles," that I might have more time to devote to the "Beginners' Column"; although it takes me more than five evenings a month, there is quite a lot more I should like to do for my solvers; for instance, the solutions sent in for Problem **140** should be analysed, and solvers shown where their solutions fail; these are mostly that the solver fails to see the resources of *both* sides and by giving weak replies for one, appear to prove their case.

More than I expected saw White's reply to 1. ., Kt—Kt 5 in **137**, but even then several failed to give Black the correct answer. The first move in **138** was correctly given in most cases, but most continued with 2 P—B 7, Q—B 1 ? The general answer to **139** was a draw by 1 P—R 5, K—Kt 6 ; 2 P—Kt 5, P×P ; 3 P—R 6, B—Kt 1 ; 4 P—B 6, P—Kt 5 ; 5 P—R 7, B×P ; 6 P—B 7, B—B 7 ; 7 P—B 8=Q, and a draw. I think here 5 P—B 7, B×P ; 6 P—R 7, B—Kt 3 ; 7 P—R 7=Q, B—B 7 is better for White—as he must control K Kt 7 with his Queen, that his King may come over to stop the Q Kt P—in this variation, which if not as pretty as the solution given, may give White more difficulty in winning, for the process is longer, too long indeed for me to give the moves, but the King and Queen first of all attack the Q Kt P and win either it or the K Kt P—and afterwards by threatening mate, also win the other Pawn—when the win is fairly easy. Of course **140** can be won in many ways, but the play is much more difficult than it would appear from solvers' solutions, these Rook and Pawn endings are some of the most difficult problems in chess, one solver asks for a method, I must own I cannot give it ! I would, if I could, but it is because of the difficulties I am giving so many examples. I tried this ending over with several players, and the solution given was the most straightforward we could find.

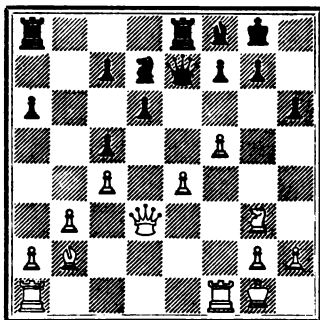
F. M. Reade informs me I was wrong last month, and that it was the first time he had climbed to the top of the ladder. This month, R. Mathieson heads the list, as indeed he would have done last month, except for the vagaries of the post—his score is 316, 2, 2, 3, 3, 326, which is now cancelled. The other scores are : A. D. C. Amos (1), 306, 2, 3, 4, 4, 319 ; C. Ellice, 272, 5, 4, 5, —, 286 ; Rev. J. B. Bourne, (1), 244, 1, —, 4, 3, 252 ; "R.W.E.," 224, 5, 2, 4, 4, 239 ; "G.A.W.," (1), 219, 2, 4, 3, 2, 230 ; C. C. Exell, 216, 5, —, 4, —, 225 ; "N.M.," (2), 203, 2, 1, 4, 3, 213 ; "A.W.T.H.," 178, 5, 4, 4, 4, 195 ; T. E. Storrs, 159, 2, 3, 3, 3, 170 ; "C.P." (1), 153, 2, 2, 4, 3, 164 ; D. E. Budge (1), 152, 2, 2, 2, 3, 161 ; J. A. Evans (1), 122, 4, 1, 2, 3, 132 ; "J.W.T.," 120, 1, 1, 4, 2, 128 ; C. J. Cole (1), 112, 3, 3, 4, 3, 125 ; A. E. Smith (1), 101, 5, 4, 5, 2, 117 ; Wm. Skirrow (1), 100, 5, 1, 4, 3, 113 ; "F.H.,"

(1), 100, 2, 3, 2, 3, 110; C. Skertchley, 63, 5, 3, 4, 3, 78; C. H. Jago, 60, 2, 3, 3, 2, 70; "Tyro," (1), 60, 2, 2, 2, 2, 68; D. R. Langton (1), 50, 4, 3, 3, 3, 63; "A.M.H." (1), 60, no solutions; "Clare," 48, 2, 2, 4, 3, 59; A. Lockley (1), 49, 2, 3, 2, 0, 56; L. Illingworth, 43, 2, 3, 4, 2, 54; H. M. Baldrey (1), 48, no solutions; J. C. Derlien, 36, 2, 3, 4, 2, 47; A. G. Allen (2), 33, 2, 2, 4, 3, 44; C. G. Caldecott, 13, 5, 2, 4, 3, 27; Moseley (1), 17, no solutions; F. M. Reade (1), 2, 2, 4, 4, 4, 14.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS: R. N. Murray.—Many thanks for your kind remarks. Hope you are quite restored to health. J. A. Evans.—I did reply to you *re Scotch Gambit*, did I not? Wm. Skirrow.—The painters are in my house, and I can find nothing under pots of paint and dust sheets, will try and look it up next month.

Problem No. 146.

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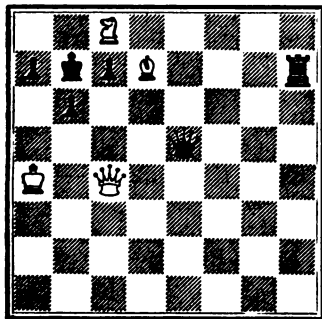


WHITE (13 pieces)

How should White continue?

Problem No. 147.

BLACK (6 pieces)

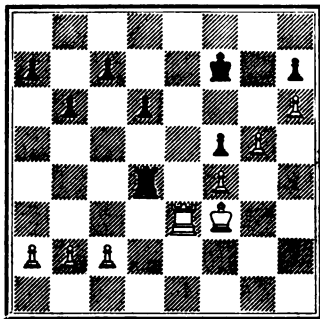


WHITE (4 pieces)

White to play and mate in three.

Problem No. 148.

BLACK (8 pieces)



WHITE (8 pieces)

White to play. For adjudication.
Give your reasons.

Solutions to be sent to R. C. Griffith, 18 Wedderburn Road, London, N.W.3, by March 31st, 1924.

GAME DEPARTMENT

GAME No. 5,206.

Played in the tournament at Merano. Notes by J. H. Blake:

Queen's Gambit Declined.

WHITE
E. GRÜNFIELD

BLACK
A. RUBINSTEIN

1 P—Q 4

1 P—Q 4

.....In the first special part for 1924 of *Kagan's Neueste Schachnachrichten*, Rubinstein discusses the so-called "hyper-modern" method of meeting 1 P—Q 4 with the King's side Fianchetto, rejects it as not being logically or scientifically grounded, and declares its days to be already numbered.

2 P—Q B 4 2 P—Q B 3

.....The tendency to resort to this defence is a growing one. At Mährisch-Ostrau no less an authority than Dr. Lasker was found amongst its users; see game No. 5,167, *B.C.M.*, January.

3 P—K 3 3 Kt—K B 3
4 Kt—Q B 3

In a later round White played this Knight to Q 2, and after 6 B—Q 3, P×P, retook with Knight, getting this piece into the strong position at K 5 very early. That, however, is not necessarily an argument in favour of Kt—Q 2, as it only proves that Black does wrong to weaken his command of the centre by ... P×P.

5 Kt—B 3 4 P—K 3
6 B—Q 3 5 Q Kt—Q 2
7 B×P 6 P×P
8 B—Q 3 7 P—Q Kt 4
8 P—Q R 3

.....To enable him to play ... P—B 4.

9 Castles 9 P—B 4
10 P—Q R 4? 10 P—Kt 5
11 Kt—K 4 11 B—Kt 2
12 Q Kt—Q 2

In a subsequent round, a game Spielmann v. Grünfeld was opened

with the same first eleven moves but Spielmann, as White, preferred 12 Kt×Kt ch; this did not prove satisfactory.

12 B—K 2
13 Q—K 2 13 Castles
14 K R—Q 1 14 P—Q R 4
15 Kt—B 4 15 Q—B 2
16 B—Q 2

The Bishop proves merely an obstruction at Q 2; it would be better to play 16 P—Q Kt 3 and 17 B—Kt 2.

16 K R—Q 1
17 Q R—B 1 17 Q—B 3
18 P—Q Kt 3 18 Q—Q 4
19 B—K 1

This threatens 20 P×P, B×P; 21 B×P ch, etc.; but its only effect is to provoke an exchange of Pawns, leaving his Rook still obstructed and his Queen's Bishop out of play. It would therefore have been a better plan to release his Knight first by 19 Q—B 1; he could then retake with Knight whenever Black exchanged Pawns, afterwards getting his Queen's Bishop into play by F—B 3, which would also obstruct Black's main line of attack.

19 P×P
20 P×P 20 K R—Q B 1
21 B—Q 2 21 Kt—K 1
22 R—K 1 22 Kt—Q 3
23 Q—B 1

It is high time to release his King's Knight.

23 Kt×Kt

(See diagram)

Not 24 B—K 4 because 24... Q—Q 3 and Black wins a Pawn at the end of the piece exchanges. But 24 B×Kt was far superior to the capture with Pawn; the

weakness set up by the course chosen provides Black with a winning opportunity later in the game.

- 25 Kt—K 5 24 Q—R 4
26 R×Kt 25 Kt×Kt
27 P—B 4 26 Q—R 5

A futile attempt to shut in the Black Queen, overlooking the threat implicit in Black's reply. But 27 B—K 3, B—Q 3; 28 P—Kt 3, Q—B 3 is not satisfactory either.

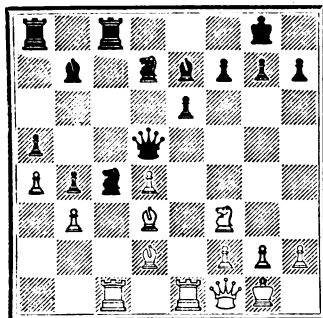
- 28 P—Kt 3 27 B—K B 3
29 Q P×B 28 B×R!
29 P×Q, B×P ch; 30 Q—B 2,
B×Q ch and wins.
30 B—K 3 29 Q—K 2
31 B—K 2 30 Q—Q 2

31 B—Q B 2, Q—B 3 is too uncomfortable.

- 31 Q×P
32 P—Kt 4 32 P—Kt 6
33 K—B 2 33 B—K 5
34 B—Q 4 34 R—Q 1
35 K—K 3 35 B—B 7
36 R—R 1 36 Q—Kt 5
Resigns

Position after 23..., Kt×Kt.
24 P×Kt

BLACK (RUBINSTEIN)



WHITE (GRÜNFIELD)

GAME No. 5,207.

Played in the same tournament. Notes by J. H. Blake.

Ruy Lopez.

WHITE BLACK
R. SPIELMANN A. RUBINSTEIN

- 1 P—K 4 1 P—K 4
2 Kt—KB 3 2 Kt—QB 3
3 B—Kt 5 3 P—QR 3
4 B—R 4 4 Kt—B 3
5 Castles 5 P—Q 3
6 P—B 4

Borrowing an idea of Duras, who played 5 P—Q 3, P—Q 3; 6 P—B 4. As White intends playing P—Q 4 at an early moment the "hole" left by the text move is of little consequence.

- 6 Kt×P
7 P—Q 4 7 B—Q 2
8 Q—K 2 8 P—B 4
9 B×Kt 9 P×B

.....Foreshadowing the intention not to retake next move. If 9..., B×B; 10 P×P, B—K 2;

- 11 Kt—Q 4, threatening Knight or Pawn to K 6.
10 P×P 10 B—K 2
11 Kt—B 3 11 Kt×Kt
12 P×Kt 12 Castles
13 P—B 5 13 P×K P
14 Kt×P 14 B—K 1
15 KR—Q 1 15 Q—B 1
16 Q—B 4 ch 16 K—R 1
17 B—K 3 17 B—B 3
18 B—Q 4 18 P—B 5
19 R—Q 3 19 Q—B 4
20 R—K 1 20 B—R 4
21 P—Kt 4

Perhaps anticipating 21..., P×P en passant, when he will re-unite his Pawns by 22 R P×P with a capital game. But Black foresees that he can at least recover the Exchange which he now offers.

(See diagram)

- 22 Kt—B 7 ch 21 B×P
 23 Q×R 22 R×Kt
 24 Q—B 4 23 B—R 4
 25 B×B 24 B—Kt 3

For if 25 K R—Q 1, then Q—Kt 5 ch; 26 K—R 1, Q—B 6 ch; 27 K—Kt 1, B—K 5.

25 Q×R

.....If 25... P×B White has the odd-looking reply of 26 R—B 3 for if then Q—Kt 5 ch; 27 R—Kt 3, and Black can still only draw.

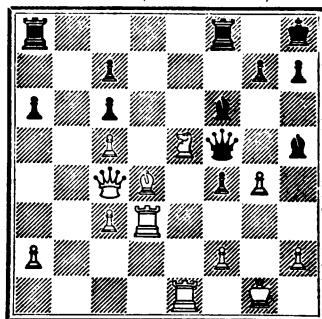
- 26 Q×Q 26 B×Q
 27 B—Q 4

And the players agreed to draw. The chances are a little in White's

favour, as his move of 28 R—K 7 threatens to win two Pawns, besides retaining an attack.

Position after 21 P—Kt 4.

BLACK (RUBINSTEIN)



WHITE (SPIELMANN)

GAME NO. 5,208.

Played in the same tournament. Notes by R. Réti from *Kagan's Neueste Schachnachrichten*.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

- | WHITE | BLACK |
|-----------------|------------|
| Dr. S. TARRASCH | E. COLLE |
| 1 P—Q 4 | 1 P—Q 4 |
| 2 P—Q B 4 | 2 P—K 3 |
| 3 Kt—Q B 3 | 3 P—Q B 3 |
| 4 Kt—B 3 | 4 Kt—K B 3 |
| 5 B—Kt 5 | 5 B—K 2 |
| 6 P—K 3 | 6 Q Kt—Q 2 |
| 7 B—Q 3 | 7 P×P |
| 8 B×P | 8 P—Q Kt 4 |
| 9 B—Q 3 | 9 P—Q R 3 |
| 10 Castles | 10 P—B 4 |
| 11 Q—K 2 | 11 P—B 5 |

.....Procuring indeed the famed majority of Pawns on the Queen's wing, but giving up the pressure upon White's Queen's Pawn, and so permitting his opponent to advance in the centre with P—K 4. Dr. Tarrasch makes forcible use of his preponderance in the centre to further a King's side attack.

- 12 B—B 2 12 B—Kt 2
 13 P—K 4 13 Castles

- 14 P—K 5 14 Kt—Q 4
 15 Q—K 4 15 P—Kt 3

.....15... P—B 4 obviously miscarries owing to the fettered position of his Knight at Q 4.

- 16 Q—R 4 16 P—B 3

.....This weakens the Pawn at K 3, but it is hardly possible to find a satisfactory continuation for Black.

- 17 P×P 17 B×P
 18 Kt—K 4 18 B×B
 19 Q Kt×B 19 Q—K 2
 20 Q R—K 1 20 R—B 3

.....It is very pretty that 20... Kt—B 5 miscarries by 21 Kt×K P! and 20... R—B 5 by 21 R×P!

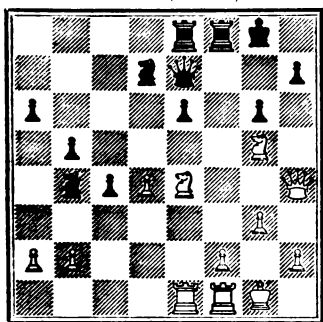
- 21 P—K Kt 3

Preparing for 22 Kt—Q 2 and 23 Kt—K 4. If 21 Kt—Q 2 then ... R—B 5, as the White Queen is no longer covered.

22 Kt—Q 2 21 R—K 1
 23 B—K 4 22 Kt—Kt 5
 24 K Kt×B 23 B×B
 24 K R—B 1

Position after 24... K R—B 1.

BLACK (COLLE)



WHITE (TARRASCH)

25 Kt—Q 6

This pretty stroke could no longer be parried.

25 P—K 4

.....Black offers the exchange (which he could not very well save) and a Pawn, in the hope of at least getting a counter-attack.

26 Kt×R 26 R×Kt
 27 P×P 27 Kt—Q 6
 28 R—K 2 28 P—K R 4
 It is clear that he dare not take the Pawn.
 29 P—B 4 29 Q—B 4 ch
 30 K—Kt 2 30 Kt—B 3
 31 P—K R 3 31 P—Kt 5
 32 Kt—B 3!

Swiftly decisive.

32 Q—B 3

33 K—R 2

Threatening Kt—Q 4 followed by P×Kt.

33 Kt—K 5
 34 P—B 5! 34 Kt×K P

.....Intending to answer 35 R×Kt with ... Kt×Kt ch; but White has an intermediate move at his disposal!

35 Kt—Q 4 35 Q—Q 4
 36 R×Kt 36 Kt—Kt 5 ch
 37 R×Kt 37 P×R
 38 Q×P 38 R—K 5
 39 Q×P ch Resigns

Dr. Tarrasch was awarded a brilliancy prize for this game.

GAME No. 5,209.

Played in the current year's championship tournament of the Brooklyn Chess Club. Notes by J. H. Blake.

Irregular Opening.

| WHITE | BLACK |
|------------|------------|
| M. PECKAR | A. KEVITZ |
| 1 P—Q 4 | 1 Kt—K B 3 |
| 2 Kt—K B 3 | 2 P—K 3 |
| 3 P—B 4 | 3 P—Q Kt 3 |
| 4 P—K 3 | |

The Bishop should previously be got out on the King's side, or else 4 P—Q R 3 played to prevent the check.

5 B—Q 3 4 B—Kt 2
 6 Q Kt—Q 2 5 B—Kt 5 ch

Not 6 Kt—B 3, because then ... B×Kt ch; 7 P×B, and Black keeps back his Queen's Pawn, preventing White from undoubling.

6 Kt—K 5
 7 Castles 7 P—K B 4

.....The opening has now reached by transposition a position characteristic of the Dutch Defence.

8 P—Q R 3

Very tame, almost equivalent in fact to presenting Black with

the advantage of the move. 8 Q-B 2 would compel Black to show his hand. If 8... Kt-Kt 4 then 9 Kt×Kt, Q×Kt; 10 P-K 4! If 8... P-Q 4 then 9 Kt-K 5!

- 8 B×Kt
9 Kt×B
10 Kt×Kt
9 Q-Kt 4

It would be better to play 10 P-B 4, Q-Kt 3; 11 Kt-B 3, P-Q 3; 12 P-Q Kt 4 with 13 B-Kt 2 and 14 R-B 1 to follow.

- 10 P×Kt
11 B-K 2
12 B-Q 2
13 P-B 3
11 Castles
12 Kt-B 3

Further loss of time; 13 P-B 4 should be played at one step, because if Black is unlikely to take *en passant* by the same line of reasoning he will not take now. White gets a crowded game after this.

- 13 Kt-K 2
14 P-B 4
15 B-K 1
16 Q-Q 2
14 Q-Kt 3
15 Kt-B 4

16 Q-Kt 3 leaves a little more freedom. Black's reply is chiefly to prevent P-K Kt 4, driving away his Knight, but it opens the possibility of ... P-R 5 and ... Kt-Kt 6 at a later stage.

- 16 P-K R 4
17 R-B 1
18 P×P
19 R-Q B 3
17 P-B 4
18 P×P

On some grounds 19 B-Q 1 might seem to offer more freedom, but it will be found later that the Bishop was capable of more service in its present position commanding K B 1.

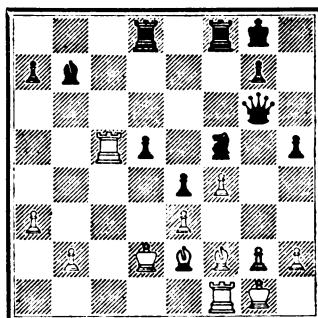
19 P-Q 4

.....The offer of the Queen's Bishop's Pawn is necessary to his contemplated attack.

- 20 P×P
21 R×P
22 B-B 2
20 P×P
21 Q R-Q 1

Position after 22 B-B 2.

BLACK (KEVITZ)



WHITE (PECKAR)

- 22 P-Q 5!
23 B-B 4 ch
24 Q-K 1
23 K-R 2

24 P×P, P-K 6; 24 B×P, Kt×B; 26 R-K Kt 5 breaks down against 26... Kt×B. This line, however, would equally have been bad if the White Bishop had been at Q Kt 3 (cf. note to White's 19th move), because then Black could meet 26 R-K Kt 5 with ... Q×R! Best was 24 Q-Kt 4, B-R 1 (... R-Q 2; 25 R-K 5!); 25 R-K 1. This leaves Black options such as ... P-Q 6, or the recovery of his Pawn; but he could not then double Rooks on the Queen's file on account of Q-Q R 5! Even 24 Q-B 1, R-Q 3; 25 R-K 1, K R-Q 1; 26 B-B 1 would hold his game together. The vacillating text move gives Black the time he requires, and he utilises it to mature a powerful combination.

- 24 R-Q 3
25 Q-B 1
26 R-K 1
27 B×P
28 B×R
25 K R-Q 1
26 P×P
27 R-Q 7!

28 B-B 1, Kt×B; 29 R×Kt, R-Q 8; 30 Q-B 4, B-R 3; 31 R-Q Kt 5 loses. So also does 28 P-K Kt 3, Kt×P!

- 28 P-K 6!
29 R-K 2
30 Q-Q 1
29 Kt-Q 5

30 Q-B 1 at once is no better,
as ..., P×P is conclusive.

30 B-B 6!
31 Q-K B 1 31 Kt×R ch
32 B×Kt 32 B×B
33 Q×B 33 P×B
34 R×P ch

His last hope (a rather forlorn
one) lay in 34 Q-Q 1, but ..., Q-
Q 6 is then good enough; or 34...

Q-Kt 3; 35 P-Q Kt 4, P-
Kt 3 for safety. By yielding to
the temptation he enables Black
to finish in the grand manner.

34 K-Kt 1
35 Q-B 2
36 K×R
37 P Queens ch
38 Q-Kt 5
35 Q-B 4 ch
36 R-R 8 ch
37 Q×Q
38 K-B 2
Resigns

GAME No. 5,210.—Played at Petrograd on 17th February last.
Sicilian. White: P. ROMANOWSKI. Black: Dr. E. LASKER.

1 P-K 4, P-Q B 4; 2 Kt-K B 3, P-K 3; 3 Kt-B 3,
Kt-Q B 3; 4 P-Q 4, P×P; 5 Kt×P, Kt-B 3; 6 Kt×Kt,
Kt P×Kt; 7 B-Q 3, P-Q 4; 8 Castles, B-K 2; 9 B-K B 4,
Castles; 10 Q-B 3, Q-Kt 3; 11 K R-K 1, B-R 3!; 12 B×B,
Q×B; 13 B-Kt 5, K R-K 1; 14 P-K 5, Kt-Q 2; 15 B×B,
R×B; 16 Q R-Q 1, P-B 3; 17 P×P, Kt×P; 18 Q-Kt 3,
Q R-K 1; 19 Q-Q 6, P-K 4; 20 P-Q Kt 3, R-K 3; 21 Q-Kt 4,
Q-Q Kt 3; 22 Q×Q, P×Q; 23 P-Q R 4, K-B 2; 24 P-Q Kt 4,
R-R 1; 25 R-R 1, R-K 2; 26 P-R 5, P×P; 27 R×P, R×R;
28 P×R, R-R 2!; 29 R-R 1, K-K 3; 30 K-B 1, K-Q 3;
31 P-K B 3, Kt-Q 2; 32 Kt-Kt 1, K-B 4; 33 Kt-Q 2,
K-Kt 5; 34 K-K 2, R×P; 35 P-B 3 ch, K-Kt 4; 36 P-B 4 ch,
K-R 3; 37 R×R ch, K×R; 38 P×P, P×P; 39 P-R 4, K-Kt 5;
40 Resigns.

GAME No. 5,211.—Played in a simultaneous exhibition at
Petrograd on 18th February. *French Defence*. White: Dr. E.
LASKER. Black: Professor KOJALOVITCH.

1 P-K 4, P-K 3; 2 P-Q 4, P-Q 4; 3 Kt-Q B 3, Kt-K B 3;
4 B-Kt 5, B-K 2; 5 P-K 5, K Kt-Q 2; 6 P-K R 4, P-Q R 3;
7 Q-Kt 4, K-B 1; 8 P-B 4, P-Q B 4; 9 Kt-B 3, Kt-Q B 3;
10 Castles, P-Q Kt 4; 11 R-R 3?; P-K R 4; 12 B×B ch,
Kt×B; 13 Q-Kt 3, Q-R 4; 14 K-Kt 1, P-Kt 5; 15 Kt-K 2,
P-B 5; 16 Kt-B 1, Kt-Kt 3; 17 Q-K 1, Kt-R 5;
18 Kt-Kt 5?, B-Q 2; 19 B-K 2, B-Kt 4; 20 P-K Kt 4, Kt×P!;
21 K×Kt, P-B 6 ch; 22 R×P, P×R ch; 23 Q×P, Q×Q ch;
24 K×Q, B×B; 25 Kt×B, P×P; 26 R-K R 1, Kt-B 4;
27 P-R 5, P-Kt 3; 28 Resigns.

GAME No. 5,212.—Played in a match of three games up at the
Manhattan Chess Club. *Queen's Gambit Declined*. White: M. A.
SCHAPIRO. Black: C. JAFFE.

1 P-Q 4, P-Q 4; 2 Kt-K B 3, Kt-K B 3; 3 P-B 4,
P-K 3; 4 Kt-B 3, Q Kt-Q 2; 5 B-Kt 5, P-B 3; 6 P-K 3,
Q-R 4; 7 Kt-Q 2, P×P; 8 B×Kt, Kt×B; 9 Kt×P, Q-K Kt 4;

10 P—B 4, Q—Kt 5; 11 Q—B 2, Kt—Q 4; 12 Kt—K 5, Q—R 5 ch;
 13 P—Kt 3, Q—Q 1; 14 K—B 2, B—K 2; 15 R—Q 1, P—B 3;
 16 Kt—B 3, B—Q 2; 17 B—B 4, Q—R 4; 18 P—K 4, Kt—Kt 3;
 19 B—Kt 3, Castles Q; 20 R—Q 2, K—Kt 1; 21 K R—Q 1, Q—R 4;
 22 K—Kt 2, P—K R 3; 23 P—K R 3, P—Kt 4; 24 P—Kt 4,
 Q—K 1; 25 P—B 5, P×P; 26 K P×P, P—K R 4; 27 P—Q 5,
 P×Kt P; 28 P×Kt P, P×P; 29 Q Kt×P, B—B 3; 30 Q—K 4,
 Kt—B 1; 31 Kt—Q 4, B×Kt; 32 B×B, Kt—Q 3; 33 Q—B 3,
 R—Q 2; 34 B—B 6, P×B; 35 Kt×P ch, K—B 2; 36 R—Q B 1,
 B—B 1; 37 Kt—Kt 4 ch, K—Kt 3; 38 Q—B 6 ch, K—R 4;
 39 R—B 5 ch, K×Kt; 40 R—Q 4 ch, Resigns.

GAME NO. 5,213.—Played in a simultaneous exhibition at the Franklin Chess Club, Philadelphia, on 5th January last. *French Defence*. White: A. ALEKHINE. Black: F. CASCIATO.

1 P—K 4, P—K 3; 2 P—Q 4, P—Q 4; 3 Kt—Q B 3, Kt—K B 3; 4 P×P, P×P; 5 B—Kt 5, B—K 3; 6 B—Q 3, B—Q 3;
 7 K Kt—K 2, Q Kt—Q 2; 8 Kt—B 4, P—B 3; 9 Kt×B, P×Kt;
 10 Q—K 2, Q—K 2; 11 Castles K R, Castles Q R; 12 Q R—K 1,
 Q R—K 1; 13 P—B 4, P—K R 3; 14 B—R 4, P—K Kt 4; 15 B—Kt 3,
 P×P; 16 B×P, P—K 4; 17 P×P, Kt×P; 18 B—B 5 ch, K Kt—Q 2;
 19 Q—R 5, Q—B 2; 20 R×Kt, Q×Q; 21 B×Kt ch, K×B;
 22 R×Q, K R—B 1; 23 B×B, Resigns.

GAME NO. 5,214.—Played in a blindfold exhibition (ten games), at the Manhattan Chess Club, on 19th January last. *Centre Counter*. White: A. ALEKHINE. Black: M. SCHROEDER.

1 P—K 4, P—Q 4; 2 P×P, Q×P; 3 Kt—Q B 3, Q—Q R 4;
 4 Kt—B 3, B—Kt 5; 5 P—K R 3, B—R 4; 6 P—Q 4, Kt—K B 3;
 7 P—K Kt 4, B—Kt 3; 8 Kt—K 5, Q Kt—Q 2?; 9 Kt—B 4,
 Q—R 3; 10 B—B 4, Q—K 3 ch; 11 Kt—K 3, Castles; 12 P—Q 5,
 Q—Kt 3; 13 Kt—B 4, Q—Kt 5; 14 P—R 3, Q—B 4; 15 B—K 3,
 Resigns.

GAME NO. 5,215.—Played on the same occasion. *Queen's Gambit Declined*. White: A. ALEKHINE. Black: N. M. PHILLIPS.

1 P—Q 4, P—Q 4; 2 P—Q B 4, P—K 3; 3 Kt—Q B 3, Kt—K B 3;
 4 B—Kt 5, B—K 2; 5 P—K 3, Castles; 6 Kt—B 3, P—Q B 3;
 7 B—Q 3, Q Kt—Q 2; 8 Castles, P×P; 9 B×P, Kt—Q 4; 10 Kt—K 4,
 P—K R 3; 11 B×B, Q×B; 12 Kt—Kt 3, R—Q 1; 13 R—B 1,
 P—K 4; 14 Kt—B 5, Q—B 3; 15 P—K 4, K Kt—Kt 3; 16 B×P ch,
 K×B; 17 P×P, Kt×P; 18 Kt×Kt ch, K—Kt 1; 19 Kt—Kt 4,
 Q—B 1; 20 Q—Kt 3 ch, K—R 2; 21 K Kt—K 3, B×Kt; 22 Kt×B,
 R—Q 2; 23 R—B 3, R—K 1; 24 R—B 3, R—K B 2; 25 R—K 3,
 R—Q 2; 26 P—K R 3, Q—B 4; 27 R—Q 1, Q R—Q 1; 28 R×R,
 R×R; 29 Q—K 6, Q—B 5; 30 Q—K 8, Q—B 2; 31 Q—Q Kt 8,
 Kt—B 5; 32 R—K Kt 3, Q—B 3; 33 Q—K 8, R—Q B 2;

34 K—R 2, Q×P; 35 Kt×R P, P—K Kt 4; White mates in three moves.

GAME No. 5,216.—Played in the Tournament at Merano. *Queen's Gambit Declined (in effect)*. White: TAKACZ. Black: PRZEPIORKA.

1 Kt—K B 3, Kt—K B 3; 2 P—B 4, P—B 3; 3 Kt—Q B 3, P—Q 4; 4 P—Q 4, Q Kt—Q 2; 5 P×P, Kt×P; 6 P—K 4, Kt—B 2; 7 B—K 3, P—K 3; 8 B—K 2, B—K 2; 9 Castles, Castles; 10 Kt—Q R 4, P—Q Kt 3; 11 Q—B 2, B—Kt 2; 12 K R—Q 1, Q R—B 1; 13 P—Q R 3, Q—K 1; 14 P—Q Kt 4, P—K B 4; 15 Kt—B 3, P×P; 16 Kt×P, Kt—Q 4; 17 Kt—Kt 5, B×Kt; 18 Kt×B, Q Kt—B 3; 19 B—Kt 4!, K—R 1; 20 B×P, R—Q 1; 21 Q—B 5, P—K R 3; 22 Q—R 3, R—Q 3; 23 R—K 1, Q—R 4; 24 Q×Q, Kt×Q; 25 Kt—B 7 ch, R×Kt; 26 B×R, Resigns.

GAME No. 5,217.—Played in the same tournament. *Queen's Gambit Declined*. White: Dr. S. TARRASCH. Black: R. SPIELMANN.

1 P—Q 4, P—K 3; 2 P—Q B 4, P—Q 4; 3 Kt—Q B 3, Kt—K B 3; 4 B—Kt 5, B—K 2; 5 P—K 3, Castles; 6 R—B 1, P—B 3; 7 Kt—B 3, Q Kt—Q 2; 8 B—Q 3, P—K R 3; 9 B—R 4, P×P; 10 B×P, P—Q Kt 4; 11 B—Kt 3, Kt—Q 4; 12 B×B, Q×B; 13 Castles, Kt×Kt; 14 R×Kt, B—Kt 2; 15 Q—Q 3, P—Q R 4; 16 K R—B 1, P—Kt 5; 17 Q R—B 2, P—R 5; 18 B—B 4, P—Q B 4; 19 P—Q 5, P×P; 20 B×P, B×B; 21 Q×B, Q R—B 1; 22 Kt—Q 2, Kt—Kt 3; 23 Q—K 4, Q×Q; 24 Kt×Q, P—B 5; 25 Kt—Q 6, R—B 3; 26 Kt×P, P—Kt 6; 27 P×P, P×P; 28 R—B 3, Kt—Q 4; 29 R—Q 3, Kt—Kt 3; 30 Q R—B 3, Kt—Q 4; Drawn.

REVIEW.

We mentioned last month we had received for review *Chess Sacrifices and Traps*, by Alfred Emery, published by Frank Hollings, 7 Great Turnstile, Holborn, W.C.2, at 2/6. A closer inspection leads us to heartily recommend it to our readers, all that Mr. Emery has to say in his Introduction Notes on the new ideas in chess and Postscript is peculiarly apposite.

The chess traps are arranged in alphabetical order of the openings in which they occur, and are given to the number of fifty-four, with thirteen diagrams (N.B.—No. 18 lacks Black Queen at Q 1). To those who possess Cunningham's *Chess Traps and Strategems*, many will be familiar. This, of course, is inevitable. The chapter on middle games sacrifices from recent examples are exceedingly well chosen, and in seventeen out of the twenty-eight examples the whole game is given, with diagrams of the point he wishes to illustrate; this is followed by twelve selected end-games, all very happily chosen. Any chess-player equipped with the knowledge obtained from this book should be able to hold his own in almost any company.

PROBLEM WORLD.

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ECONOMY OF FORCE

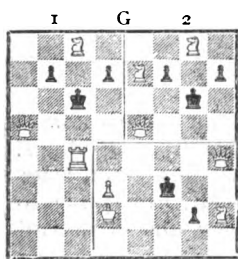
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There remain to be considered the application of this power appraisement to unclean mates and to the "pin" and "cover move," and to explain the final method of assessing the mean power-economy of a problem.

Three forms of impurity have to be taken into account; one where dual or greater control of a square is confined to Pieces only, the second where King or Pawns, or both, participate in the mate in manner to command a square equally controlled by a Piece, and the third when occasioned by a Black unit occupying a square similarly controlled. For an acceptable ruling on these points commonsense is again probably the safest guide. Governed by this it is clear that, since unclean mates embody waste—the destructor of all art—such mates should be penalised rather than rewarded. And, therefore, as in the power-gauge suggested there is found to be a sliding scale from "higher" to "lower" power Pieces in respect of any single square, any square in the mating-field commanded more than once by Pieces only must be credited to the lowest-powered one, and to no other. Similarly, as it has been taken that Kings or Pawns conducing

to the mate is constructional economy, no other part of the White force can reasonably be credited with what has already been thus otherwise assigned. The same argument is applied to the third form of impurity. In the latter two cases, therefore, *no* Piece is credited with power use. Diagram G shows how the application of this rule results. In these examples there are respectively 3, 2 and 2 impurities. In the power analyses beneath the diagram the first line of each is an assessment on the "higher" and the second on "lower-power" scale. Thus, in G 1, on the "higher-power" scale (top line) the ♖ is shown to be credited with commanding the squares b6 and d6; the ♔ with c5, 6 and 7 and the ♙ with b5 and d5 only; but on the "lower-power" scale (second line) the ♙ is held to be the controlling unit in respect of b6 (instead of the ♖) and of c5 and 7 (instead of the ♔) as



| 3 | | | |
|----|-----|---------------------|---|
| ♙ | ♔ | ♖ | % |
| 33 | 75 | 100 = 208/3 = 69.33 | |
| 83 | 25 | 50 = 158/3 = 52.66 | |
| ♙ | ♔ | ♖ | |
| 50 | 100 | 100 = 250/3 = 83.33 | |
| 83 | 50 | 50 = 183/3 = 61.00 | |
| ♙ | ♔ | | |
| 50 | 100 | = 150/2 = 75.00 | |
| 66 | 50 | = 116/2 = 58.00 | |

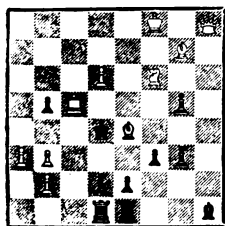
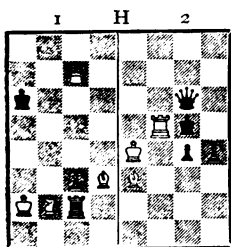
well, of course, as of b5 and d5, *i.e.*, of five squares, or 83% of her m.p. The similar differentiations in G 2 and 3 can be followed by the

reader. From these it will be noted that lower-power (which the rule provides shall be applied) heavily penalises the impurities by, respectively, 17, 22 and 17 per cent. The difference in extent of this penalty, seemingly the reverse of what might be expected from the relative number of impurities, is due to the last two examples having only the extremes of power, Queen and Knight, and No. 3 only two pieces affected. The introduction of the intermediate Rook or Bishop power naturally reduces the difference between the high and low-power gauge. But the equity seems to be there.

The power effect of a pin is assessed, similarly, as nearly on logical grounds as possible, the pinning piece being credited with power-use in respect of *the one square only* to which it pins a Black force capable, but for the pin, of interference with the mate. If ineffective in this respect the power of the piece is waste, and is not credited.

The application of power in what is, with some hesitation, termed the cover-move is illustrated in Diagram H in two examples of cross checks. In the first of these the Knight, by moving from c4—b2, is regarded as exerting power contributory to the mate, as its exercise successfully prevents what would otherwise foil that culmination. It is, therefore, credited with its power value in respect of a unit, or one square, as its presence as a force on the board is still passively operative to the mate. If, however, it merely opens check *without* such other function, active to the mate, say by going to d2 (unless it also captured the Rook if on that square or were still an interposition) its power ceases to be exerted and is no way credited. In the second, the Rook performs a similar function. But as the suggested power gauge throughout resists any form of double credit, the act of occupying b5, in cover of the check by Black, is superseded in respect of that square by active performance in the mating field; where, in this case, it is yielding 100 per cent. of its power.

Finally, as an illustration of the method of ascertaining the separate and mean power-use or economy of the mates, a well-known three-mover by A. F. Mackenzie is submitted. Selected at random, it may also be found to incidentally offer the reader an opportunity of viewing the proposed system of appraising mating-economy from another angle; since, like in the majority of even classical compositions, the mating analysis may invite attention to structural weaknesses unfavourably affecting mating economy, which otherwise, though perhaps vaguely sensed, would escape definite realisation. The problem will be remembered as winning chief honours in the International Tourney of the Prague Chess Club, 1898, wherein the judges were

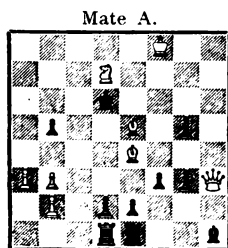


Key: Q—R 3.
Threat, 2 Q—B 5.

distinguished disciples of the Bohemian School. The full solution, with the respective power-economy of each mate set out side by side, is given in illustration.

| Mate | Black | White | Black | White | ♔ | ♚ | ♛ | c4 | ♙ | ♘ |
|------|------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|------|-------|-------|------|-----------------|------------------|
| A | 1 K×R | 2 Kt-Q 7 ch | 2 K×P | 3 B-K 5 | 33 | × | 66 | 66 | 100=265/4=66.25 | |
| B | 1 K-K 6 | 2 Kt-Q 5 ch | 2 K×B | 3 Q-R 7 | 50 | 25 | × | 66 | 100=241/4=60.16 | |
| C | | | 2 K-B 7 | 3 B-Q 4 | 33 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 0=133/5=26.6 | |
| D | 1 P-Kt 5 | 2 Q-R 6 | 2 K×R | 3 Kt-Q 7 | 16 | × | 66 | 33 | 100=215/4=53.75 | |
| E | | | 2 Other | 3 R-Q 5 | 16 | 100 | 66 | 0 | 50=232/5=46.4 | |
| F | 1 P-B 7 | 2 Q×P | 2 B×B | 3 Q-B 3 | 83 | 25 | × | 0 | 0=108/4=27.00 | |
| Fa | | | <i>dual</i> | 3 Kt-Q 7 | 50 | 50 | × | 33 | 50=187/4=46.75 | |
| G | | | 2 K×R | 3 Kt-Q 7 | 16 | × | 66 | 33 | 100=215/4=53.75 | |
| H | | | 2 Other | 3 R-Q 5 | 50 | 50 | 33 | 0 | 50=183/5=36.60 | |
| J | 1 Q R-Kt 8 | 2 Q-B 5 | 2 R×P | 3 Kt-Kt 4 | 66 | 25 | 33 | 33 | 50=207/5=41.40 | |
| K | | | 2 K-K 6 | 3 Kt-Kt 4 | 33 | 0 | 33 | 33 | 100=199/5=39.80 | |
| | | | | | 396 | 225 | 363 | 364 | 650 | 10/451.81=45.18% |
| | | | | | 10 | 7 | 8 | 10 | 10 | |
| | | | | | 39.6 | 32.14 | 45.37 | 36.4 | 65.00 | |

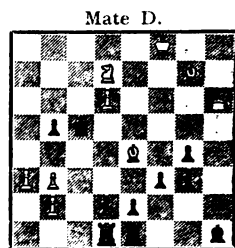
In the power analysis here shewn the crosses indicate that the respective Pieces have been sacrificed to produce mate ; and, being no longer present on the board nor part of the force *capable* of exerting effective power at the mating moment, are regarded as having fulfilled their functions and are therefore not counted as a unit of force in the power-economy of the actual mate. Admittedly this is debatable reasoning, as the pungent argument may be advanced that, as the full power of the Piece has been exhausted in exercise of the desired aim—the ultimate mating effect—the power should be credited in full. But, pending some authoritative decision on the point, the above method is conveniently employed. Similarly, the ciphers indicate that, though present on the board at the mating moment, the Piece is non-combatant and ineffective to the mate and, therefore, waste power. It is, for this reason, counted merely as a waste unit of the force present. The mean power-economy of a mate is seen to be arrived at by adding the power-use of the several Pieces together and dividing the total by their number. Thus, in mate A the aggregate power is 265 divided among four Pieces (the ♔, being sacrificed, not counting), *i.e.*, 66.25%. In mate C the divisor is five, the three waste Pieces counting. To determine the mean power-economy of the problem as a whole that of the separate mates is treated in like manner ; *i.e.*, the aggregate of the latter divided by the number of mates. For convenience here the power-use of the several pieces is similarly shewn ; and, by the way of illustration, the mates A, C and D are diagrammed.



P.E. 66.25.



P.E. 26.6.



P.E. 53.75.

From the diagram, mate A, the power-use credited in the mate analysis may be readily followed. Thus the ♖ is seen to control d7 and e6 (33); the K ♙ c6 and d5 (66); the Q ♙ c7 and d6 (66); and the ♗ c5 and e5 (100). In mate C the unclean e3 is credited to the ♙ (as the lower power) and *not* to the ♗. The mate and analyses Fa (both in italics) are only included to illustrate that the dual is penalised by crediting the less advantageous of the two mates. And in this case the difference is very marked; and Fa is, of course, not added in the total.

Several points disclosed by this analysis may perchance serve a useful purpose. Though the problem has four models (A, B, D and G) in ten mates, three of the former are of unusually low power-use; while the mean power-waste of the problem is very high (54%!). Mates C and F are exceptionally wasteful, showing the bare economy of a moderate block two-mover where pieces only operate in turn; and the remainder are poor in power-economy. Turning to the Pieces, the Knight alone is seen to have done fair work; which may recall to the reader the emphasis placed on the profitable power of this Piece earlier in the article, frequently much more marked than in this case. In short, it is clear from the mating analysis that, had utilisation of Power been realised as an integral element of Economy, this composition could not have achieved distinction in competition where economy was so highly rated, since the average problems of the Bohemian School shew a very much higher power-economy. This, it may be argued, is but little better than mere destructive criticism; and unless the system of appraisal suggested has some compensating virtue it may justly be deemed of questionable value. To which a decisive rejoinder will be found by the student sufficiently intrigued to examine the *causes* of the wasteful mates, though space forbids more than a brief hint from the foregoing example as to how he should proceed.

BRITISH CHESS PROBLEM SOCIETY.

For the reason that the Society held a special general meeting to consider the revision of its rules on the 18th ult., Mr. H. D'O. Bernard had unfortunately to abridge his delightful lecture. The subject he handled was the interesting one of the vagaries of several adjudicators of problem tourneys. He gave a number of inexplicable decisions by judges who had enjoyed the confidence of the chess problem community by reason of long standing experience and popularity. Many awards have been made which have not met with unanimous approval, but now and again one is met with which suggests a miscarriage of justice. Mr. Bernard was open about the matter in a case of his own where his first prize entry was admittedly inferior to that awarded second. It is to be hoped that he will continue the subject on a future occasion as he has a happy, and at times a humorous, way of presenting his points. The judgments dealt with were not always those of a single arbiter, where personal propensities might be expected to prevail, but on a few occasions those of a council were shown to be manifestly incorrect.

B.C.P.S. ANNUAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT.

Members are reminded that entries for this competition should reach Mr. G. W. Chandler, "Leylands," Mulgrave Road, Sutton, Surrey, by April 18th, 1924. It is hoped that all members who have published good problems in 1923 will enter them in this competition.

The last meeting for the winter session will be held at St. Bride's Institute, Bride Lane, Ludgate Circus, E.C., on Wednesday, April 16th, when Mr. D. Pirnie will read a paper entitled "Some Classification Suggestions."

B.C.P.S. SOLVING TOURNEY.

No. 5 (J. Fridlitzius).—1 B—B 5, threatening 2 K—B 7! If 1... P—Q 3; 2 B—K 3! If 1... B—B 3; 2 Kt—K 3! If 1... B—Kt 2; 2 Kt—K 7. If 1... P—B 6; 2 Q×P. If 1... P×Kt; 2 B—Q 4 ch. If 1... B—Kt 3; 2 Q—Q 4 ch. (10+14=24 points). A problem that would grace the prize list of any tourney, yet it secured no better than Second Hon. Mention in *Tidskrift*, 1908. The quiet lines of play are both numerous and difficult, and beauty blends with strategy in a marked degree.

No. 6 (A. Miskolczy and J. G. Dunka).—1 Kt—Q 4, threatening 2 B—B 2. If 1... K×Kt; 2 Kt—B 3 ch. If 1... Kt moves; 2 Q—B 6 ch. If 1... P×P; 2 Q—K Kt 8! If 1... P—K 4; 2 Kt—Kt 4! (10+10=20). This won First Prize in the Catalan Congress Tourney at Barcelona in 1915. It has real strategy and well varied models. The key is a "give-and-take," but it is well concealed. The after play is fairly difficult.

No. 7 (F. Gamage).—1 K—R 3, threatening 2 Q×P (Kt 6) ch. If 1... P×B or B—B 7; 2 Q—B 3. If 1... K×Q Kt; 2 Q—K 4 ch. If 1... K×K Kt; 2 B—B 7 ch. If 1... B—K 6; 2 Q×P (B 3) ch. If 1... R—K 1; 2 P×R (Q) ch. (10+12=22). An original to the *Hampshire Telegraph* in September, 1914. Not in the author's best style, but complex and difficult.

No. 8 (J. Salminger).—1 Kt×P, threat (B—B 5); 2 K—Q 6, B—K 7; 3 Kt—B 6 ch. If 1... B—Kt 6; 2 Kt—K B 4, P—B 7; 3 Kt—B 4. If 2... B×Q; 3 K—Q 6. If 2... other; 3 Q—Q 8 ch. If 1... B—Kt 8; 2 Kt—B 6, B—K 5 ch; 3 Kt×B. If 2... K×Kt; 3 Kt—Q 7 ch. If 2... other; 3 Q—Q 8 ch. (15+6+7=28). From the *Schachzeitung*, 1903. The capture key and puzzling quiet moves make this problem of extraordinary difficulty. The two main defences are three-movers in themselves. Mr. Watney has our sympathy, for the checking of the solutions must have been an arduous task.

Weekly Westminster 1923, Competition.—We gave last month the first and second prize problems in the two sections. In the four-move class G. F. Anderson, L. Salkind, and J. J. Rietveld (two positions) were honourably mentioned in order given. In the three-move entries A. W. Mongredien and Comte J. de Esclayon (joint composition) was awarded the special prize for the most original piece of work contributed as well as the first hon. mention, the second, Dr. Palkoska.

Unfortunately, since the award, M. Havel's three-mover (see page 124) has been found unsound by C. H. Brockelbank. This expert may well be termed a "demon" solver, as he has proved unsound about a dozen prize winners the past twelve months. In sending solutions to all the problems we gave last month he demolished three which we acknowledge in the solution page.

B.C.M. INFORMAL TOURNEY.

Messrs. W. H. Thompson, B. G. Laws and G. W. Chandler have made the following awards:—

THREE-MOVERS.

| | |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1st Prize. | No. 2,446, by P. F. Blake. |
| 2nd „ | No. 2,450, by L. Simhoviçi. |
| 3rd „ | No. 2,397, by K. Erlin. |
| 1st Hon. Mention. | No. 2,413, by M. Havel. |
| 2nd „ „ | No. 2,410, by J. Vasta. |

TWO-MOVERS.

| | |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1st Prize. | No. 2,420, by J. J. Rietveld. |
| 2nd „ | No. 2,415, by C. Mansfield. |
| 3rd „ | No. 2,429, by W. Langstaff. |
| 1st Hon. Mention. | No. 2,412, by C. H. D. Clark. |
| 2nd „ „ | No. 2,423, by C. H. D. Clark. |
| 3rd „ „ | No. 2,416, by A. M. Sparke. |

The prize problems are reproduced in this issue.

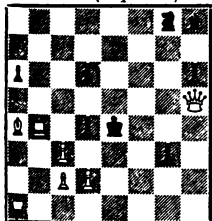
B.C.M. INFORMAL TOURNEY.

Three-Movers.

First Prize. No. 2,446.

By P. F. BLAKE.

BLACK (8 pieces)



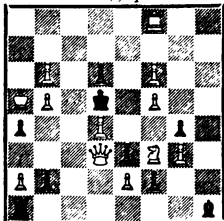
WHITE (7 pieces)

Mate in three.

Second Prize. No. 2,450.

By L. SIMHOVICI.

BLACK (9 pieces)



WHITE (12 pieces)

Mate in three.

Third Prize. No. 2,397.

By K. ERLIN.

BLACK (9 pieces)



WHITE (6 pieces)

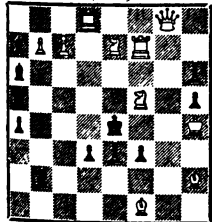
Mate in three.

Two-Movers.

First Prize. No. 2,440.

By J. J. RIETVELD.

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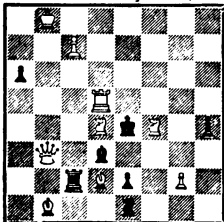
WHITE (10 pieces)

Mate in two.

Second Prize. No. 2,415.

By C. MANSFIELD.

BLACK (7 pieces)



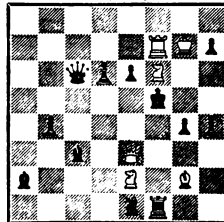
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Mate in two.

Third Prize. No. 2,429.

By W. LANGSTAFF.

BLACK (12 pieces)



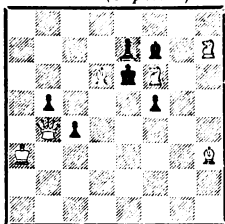
WHITE (6 pieces)

Mate in two.

IN MEMORIAM.

PROBLEMS BY THE LATE MRS. W. J. BAIRD.

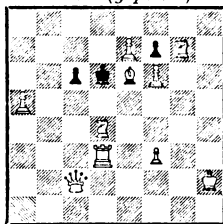
BLACK (6 pieces)



WHITE (6 pieces)

Mate in two.

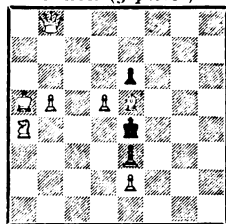
BLACK (3 pieces)



WHITE (10 pieces)

Mate in two.

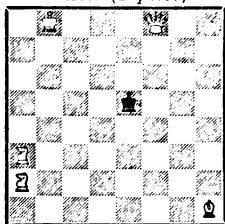
BLACK (3 pieces)



WHITE (7 pieces)

Mate in three.

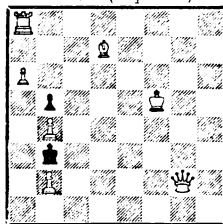
BLACK (1 piece)



WHITE (5 pieces)

Mate in three.

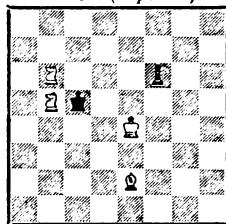
BLACK (2 pieces)



WHITE (7 pieces)

Mate in three.

BLACK (2 pieces)



WHITE (4 pieces)

White retracts his last move; then plays. Black moves so that White can mate at once.

THE LATE MRS. W. J. BAIRD.

The Masters said:—

"Lay by the board, the problem is not sound;
There's none can solve unless a Morphy's found."

* * *

A Knight I saw, his royal head low bowed;
Methought a Bishop moved, and prayed aloud.
The Queens, alas, and their attendants gone,
Only the Kings did sadly linger on.

And roaming far afield a Rook forlorn,
And here and there a long-forgotten Pawn.

"Oh! is there none who can this problem solve?"
"Seek *her* round whom our highest hopes revolve."
And so we brought it to our 'Problem Queen,'
Who faced the field with heart and eye serene.

* * *

"Go leave me now and I will rest awhile,"
Then hand outstretched and swift triumphant smile:
"The Bishop's move! with him the Key," she cried—
"Life's problem solved at last! I'm satisfied."

M.S.M.

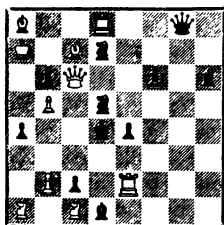
OBITUARY.

Last month (page 106) we briefly announced the death of Giorgio Guidelli in his 27th year, having been born at Serravalle d'Asti, 14th March, 1897. The family of the Counts Guidi were descended from Guido Novello, the reputed author of the thirteenth century "Bonus Socius" Chess MS., a work of historic value which has attracted the attention, and not unnaturally by reason of its name, of the Good Companion Chess Problem Club. G. Guidelli was by profession an engineer and in 1916 joined the Forces of his country and became a sub-lieutenant of Artillery. He was a specialist in two-move composition and showed mastery over the intricacy of the modern form of this class. In 1917 a special number of the G.C.C.P.C. Folder was issued in his honour and that of his friendly rival Arnaldo Ellerman, wherein it is stated he had at that date composed 300 two-movers, since when at least a further 100 have been added to his repertoire with over 100 tourney honours, a remarkable achievement considering age and the short period over which his activities, curtailed by war service, extended. Italy has lost a composer of great promise.

The following problems are fair selections of his skill. Most of his work was based on half-pins, cross-checks, self-pinning and unpinning and such like modern two-move devices. The fourth position was quoted in *Chess Pie* (1922) as the author's favourite.

BY THE LATE GIORGIO GUIDELLI.

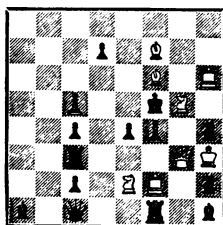
BLACK (11 pieces)



WHITE (10 pieces)

Mate in two.

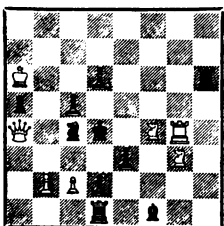
BLACK (14 pieces)



WHITE (8 pieces)

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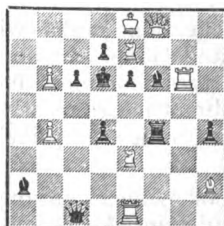
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Mate in two.

BLACK (10 pieces)



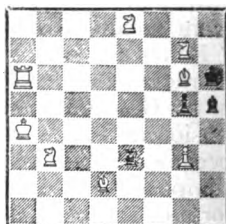
WHITE (9 pieces)

Mate in two.

At page 125, as a footnote to our obituary notice of Mrs. W. J. Baird, we mentioned that her surviving brother passed away on the 24th February. This sad event breaks a line of family interest in our game.

Mr. Carslake Winter-Wood was born in 1849, and for a few years became an active composer, though his aspirations did not take him higher than the two-mover. We give a neat specimen of his work, which is less elaborated than the majority of his work. For a number of years he practically gave up composing, but at no time did he devote much time to the subject, still he always maintained an interest in problems. His loss to chess will be mainly felt in Devon where he, like his brother E. J. Winter-Wood encouraged chess in the south-west of England.

By the late
CARSLAKE
WINTER WOOD
BLACK (4 pieces)



WHITE (8 pieces)
Mate in two.

REVIEW.

200 Schakopgaver.—To celebrate its Fortieth Jubilee the Christiania Chess Club has published a collection of 200 problems by Norway's leading composer, Johan Scheel. The introduction, in Scandinavian and English is by C. C. Christiansen. Scheel's work is too well known to need a detailed comment. Few composers have so successfully blended strategy and beauty, and many of his best problems have delightfully piquant ideas. Those who know his work will not be surprised to learn that his favourite composers are mostly Bohemian—Vetesnik, Cisar, Traxler, Mach, Havel and Knotek. His favourites in other countries are Fridlitzius, Feigl, Marin, Bull, Heathcote, Kubbel and Wurzburg, all of whom follow Bohemian principles even in their most strategic work. The only one of these by whom Scheel is conscious of having been influenced is M. Havel, whom he would place with Sam Loyd as the greatest problem genius of all times. As the introduction points out, Scheel's style is closely akin to that of C. A. L. Bull, though this is ascribable less to influence than to congeniality of taste.

The collection ranks with those of Pospisil, Kotre-Traxler, Heathcote and Havel as among the most interesting of recent years, but unlike these foremost modern composers, Scheel has confined himself to direct mates mostly in three moves. He is but thirty-four years of age, so it seems likely that four-movers will yet engage his attention.

The book, which contains a photo of the author, is admirably arranged and printed. It appears to have been published for private circulation, since no price is stated, but every problem lover who can secure a copy should not fail to do so.

THE KNIGHT'S TOURS.

The following are solutions to the propositions propounded by the Rev. N. Munro in our December issue. We have selected those sent in by Alex. Fraser, of Edinburgh, as in the first two he has cleverly woven the monogram N.M. as a compliment to the author.

No. 1.

Knight starts at White's
K R 1, visiting every square
and ending at Q R 1.

No. 2.

Starts at K R 1 and ending
at K B 2.

No. 3.

Starts at K 5 and ending at
K 4.

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|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 7 | 54 | 9 | 60 | 5 | 56 | 17 | 32 |
| 10 | 61 | 6 | 55 | 16 | 33 | 4 | 57 |
| 53 | 8 | 27 | 48 | 59 | 46 | 31 | 18 |
| 62 | 11 | 52 | 15 | 34 | 19 | 58 | 3 |
| 51 | 26 | 49 | 28 | 47 | 30 | 45 | 20 |
| 12 | 63 | 40 | 23 | 14 | 35 | 2 | 37 |
| 25 | 50 | 13 | 42 | 29 | 38 | 21 | 44 |
| 64 | 41 | 24 | 39 | 22 | 43 | 36 | 1 |

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|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 7 | 24 | 9 | 18 | 5 | 22 | 43 | 58 |
| 10 | 17 | 6 | 23 | 42 | 59 | 4 | 21 |
| 25 | 8 | 53 | 30 | 19 | 32 | 57 | 44 |
| 16 | 11 | 26 | 41 | 60 | 45 | 20 | 3 |
| 27 | 52 | 29 | 54 | 31 | 56 | 33 | 46 |
| 12 | 15 | 38 | 49 | 40 | 61 | 2 | 63 |
| 51 | 28 | 13 | 36 | 55 | 64 | 47 | 34 |
| 14 | 37 | 50 | 39 | 48 | 35 | 62 | 1 |

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|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 38 | 27 | 58 | 5 | 36 | 29 | 60 | 3 |
| 57 | 6 | 37 | 28 | 59 | 4 | 35 | 32 |
| 26 | 39 | 8 | 63 | 30 | 33 | 2 | 61 |
| 7 | 56 | 25 | 40 | 1 | 62 | 31 | 34 |
| 42 | 23 | 52 | 9 | 64 | 19 | 50 | 15 |
| 55 | 10 | 41 | 24 | 51 | 16 | 47 | 18 |
| 22 | 43 | 12 | 53 | 20 | 45 | 14 | 49 |
| 11 | 54 | 21 | 44 | 13 | 48 | 17 | 46 |

N. Start at 25 to 27 to 29, finishing at 31.

N. Start at 51 to 53 to 55, finishing at 57.

M. Start at 50 to 48 to 47 to 46, finishing at 44.

M. Start at 28 to 30 to 31 to 32, finishing at 34.

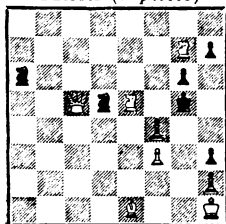
As regards Tour No. 4 (starting at K Kt 1 and ending at Q Kt 8), "Rösselsprung" and A. H. Haddy thought it had been given wrongly. The other two, A. Fraser and S. Stokes saw that it was only a little Christmas joke which was intended. Of course it is not practicable to end on a square of the same colour as that from which the Knight starts.

Four sets of solutions were received and submitted to the Rev. N. Munro, who found them all correct. He writes: "They are all more or less different, which shows in what a number of different ways the tour may be made from one given square to another." Alex. Fraser's and Albert Haddy's solutions both reached us by the first post Monday, 10th December. Those from "Rösselsprung" were received on the 21st and the set from S. Stokes on the 28th. As preference was to be given to those which first came to hand the author will divide his prize of 10/- between the two first named.

First Prize.

By C. KAINER.

BLACK (8 pieces)

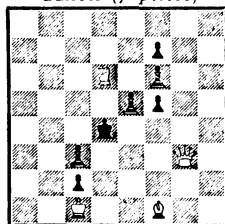


WHITE (6 pieces)
Mate in three.

Second Prize.

By L. PROKES.

BLACK (7 pieces)



WHITE (4 pieces)
Mate in three.

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SOLVERS' SCORE—"LADDER" COMPETITION.

Problems (February) 2,455 to 2,458 inclusive.

Dr. R. Tennant Bruce (170) 5-10-10-10 (205); **A. T. Cannell (580) 5-10-10-10 (615); J. Chadwick (Sydney) (100); R. W. Clark (Canada) (525) 5-10-10-10 (560); *W. H. Cutland (680) 5-10-10-10 (715); **F. J. Dennis (290) 5-10-0-10 (315); J. C. Derlain (220) 5-10-10-10 (255); Rev. A. T. Dean (145) 5-10-10-10 (180); G. Fegant (580) 5-10-0-10 (605); *C. Folley (785); *C. Frost (0) 5-10-0-10 (25); *Albert Haddy (585) 5-10-10-10 (620); **W. F. Herbert (210) 5-10-10-10 (245); J. A. Hatherill (25) 5-10-10-10 (60); Rev. F. O'D. Hoare (0) 5-10-10-10 (35); †G. Stillingfleet Johnson (95) 5-10-10-10 (130); Capt. J. V. Jacklin (140); N. V. Joslie (Pusa, India) (30) +10, omitted for January=40) 5-10-10-10 (75); *A. Lockley (45) 5-10-10-10 (80); **Frederick Lee (305) 5-10-10-10 (340); J. A. Lewis (620) 5-10-10-10 (655); Hubert Lees (Auckland) (0+20, Nov.); **Rev. N. Munro (0) 5-10-10-10 (35); *R. J. Minns (465); D. Murray (30) 5-10-10-10 (65); Johannes Neilson (510) 5-10-10-10 (545); M. E. Onslow (390); **A. Peacock (215) 5-10-0-10 (240); T. Rosenfeld (215) 5-10-10-10 (250); *R. G. Thomson (230) 5-10-10-10 (265); B. Tott (685) 5-10-0-10 (710); O. L. Telling (Monte Carlo) (575) 5-10-10-10 (610); Rev. E. Wells (605); Major W. T. Whetham (385) 0-10-0-0 (395).

The highest score to February was made by W. H. Cutland.

SOLUTIONS.

No. 2,455, by G. Mansfield.—1 B—B 2. An amusing trifle, the disruption of the set position being very marked.

No. 2,456, by M. Bukofzer.—1 B—K 2. If 1... K—K 6; 2 Kt—B 3. If 1... K×P; 2 Kt—B 4. If 1... P—B 5; 2 Kt—B 4 ch. A dainty little problem with quiet play and pretty models.

No. 2,457, by Dr. J. J. O'Keefe.—1 R—K 4, threatening 2 Kt—K 3 ch and 2 Kt—Q 6. If 1... B×P; 2 Kt×B ch. If 1... K×R; 2 Kt—K 3. A "give-and-take" key leads to some excellent mates, that following 1... B×P being especially noteworthy. Variety is not too plentiful.

No. 2,458, by J. Cauveren.—1 Kt—Q 8, threatening 2 R×B ch. If 1... K×R; 2 Q—R 6 ch. If 1... P×R; 2 P—B 4 ch. If K—Q 3; 2 R×B. The Pawn on R 3 suggests the key, which is nevertheless a good one. The four model mates are well varied, and the play, while not difficult, leaves a pleasing impression.

By C. Kainer (p. 123).—1 B—R 7, R (Q 5)—Q 7 or R—K 7; 2 Q—K 2. If 1... P×P; 2 Q—Kt 4. If 1... R—Q 7 or 8; 2 Q or B×R. If 1... R (B 7)—Q 7; 2 Q—Q 1. If 1... B—K 4; 2 Kt×Kt P ch. If 1... R—B 7 or others; 2 Q—Q B 1. A difficult problem to solve, for though the key-move is a rather natural one to make, the continuations after the Rook defences are a little obscure. The combination to effect the pin models is most ingenious and the construction is in good taste.

By O. Votruba and K. Traxler (p. 123).—The Black Pawn at Q 5 should be at K 5. 1 Q—R 3, P×Q; 2 Kt—B 5. If 1..., P×B; 2 Kt—Kt 4. If 1..., K moves or Kt×Kt; 2 Q×P ch. If 1..., Kt×Kt or others; 2 Q×P. A fine key-move. The idea of drawing the Black Pawn from attacking the Bishop, and after the key, the Queen, so as to enable the Knight at R 6 to take up one of the sets of Black diagonals without the net being disturbed is very clever. There are model mates, but they are of less importance here than the strategic scheme. Mr. C. H. Brockelbank cooks this problem by the simple 1 Kt—B 4 ch, K—K 2; 2 Kt—B 5 ch. It is probable our copy of the problem is inadvertently shorn of a Black Pawn at Q R 5 or a White Pawn at say, Q R 6.

By V. Kaders (p. 123).—1 K—K 1, K—Q 4 or B—B 8; 2 Q—Kt 1. If 1..., B—K 5; 2 Kt—B 4 dbl ch. If 1..., B—B 6, etc.; 2 Q—Q 2 ch. A block three-mover. The royal clearance key is pretty, but soon found to be necessary. Variety is not a strong point here though there are three models.

By A. Challenger (p. 124).—1 Kt—B 7, K×Kt; 2 Q—B 4. If 1..., K×P; 2 K—Kt 3. If 1..., P×Kt; 2 Q—K 7 ch. If 1..., others; 2 Kt—K 2. A charming three-mover. The key is good though not surprising, and if there is not a particular strategic device the various lines of play blend well, resulting in six nice model mates, the one after 1..., B moves; 2 Kt—Kt 2, B×Kt being unexpected.

By M. Havel (p. 124).—1 Q—Kt 4, P—Kt 4; 2 Q—Kt 2. If 1..., K×R; 2 B×K P dbl ch. If 1..., Kt—K 4 or others; 2 Q—K 1 ch. Mr. Brockelbank has found a second solution to this—a surprising one since the construction shows the composer thought he had provided for it. 1 B—B 3, P—Q 5 dis ch; 2 R—K 4 dis ch.

By P. F. Blake (p. 124).—1 Kt—B 7, K—B 4; 2 K×P, Kt moves (If 2..., K moves or P—Kt 7; 3 R—K 1); 3 Kt—K 6 ch. If 1..., K—B 5; 2 R—K 3 dis ch, K—B 4; 3 K×P; 4 If 1..., K—Q 6; 2 R—Q 2 dbl ch, K—K 6; 3 Kt×P ch. If 1..., P—Kt 7; 2 Kt—Kt 5 ch, K—Q 6 (If 2..., K—B 5; 3 R—K 3 dis ch); 3 R—K 1 dis ch. If 1..., P—Q 3; 2 R—K 1, K—B 4; 3 K—Q 7. If 1..., P×P; 2 R—K 1, K—B 4 (If 2..., others; 3 Kt—Kt 5 ch); 3 K×P, If 1..., others; 2 B—Kt 6 ch, K—K 6 or B 5 (If 2..., K—B 6; 3 Kt×P ch); 3 R—R 2 dis ch. A beautiful combination without the White Queen, full of variety and splendid economy and consistently therewith five charming models, there being also echoes. The quiet play in the principal continuations enhances difficulty. The key-move is a capital one, quite consonant with the general scheme. There are second move duals but are not serious.

By G. F. Anderson (p. 124).—1 B—R 3, R×P; 2 Q—B 8 ch, K—Q 4; 3 R×Q P ch, etc. If 1..., R—K 3; 2 Q×Q P, R—Q 3 (If 2..., others; 3 R—B 7 ch); 3 Q×R. If 1..., P—B 4; 2 Q—B 7 ch, K—Q 4; 3 Q—Q 6 ch. If 1..., P—Q 7; 2 B—B 1 ch, Kt—Q 6; 3 Q×B P. If 1..., B—Q 4; 2 Q—Kt 6 or B 7 ch, etc. If 1..., P×P; 2 R×P. If 1..., others; 2 Q—K 4 ch, R×Q; 3 R—B 7 ch. A bold piece of work. The two leaders, one being the threat, are fine, notwithstanding the checks. The first move is an excellent one. There is a good deal of play, but its merit pales before the two lines mentioned. The Black Queen's Rook's Pawn at first seems a superfluity, but without it there is no solution, e.g., 1..., R—K 3; 2 Q×Q P, R—R 3 ch.

By J. R. Neukomm (p. 126).—The King at Black's K B 3 should be Black. 1 P—Q 8 becoming R. A remarkable Pawn promotion two-mover, very original and really puzzling.

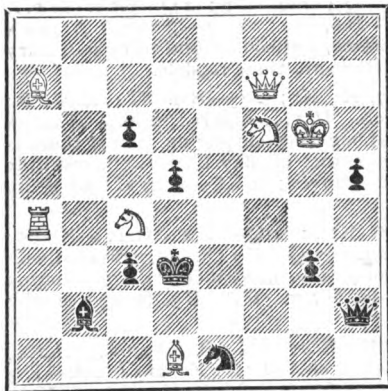
By A. S. Dorrell (p. 127).—1 Q—K B 7. An uncommon group of flight squares with four mating moves. In such problems the avoidance of duals is a constructive feature and this is a point in this composition.

By G. Hume and D. Pirnie (p. 127).—1 Q—R 5, Q—Kt file, R file or Q 8; 2 K×P. If 1..., Q—Q R 8; 2 P—B 4 ch. If 1..., Q—K 6; 2 P—Kt 7. If 1..., Q—B 7; 2 Q—R 8. A dexterous arrangement carrying out a very marked idea which has the merit of quaintness and originality. The solver has to be careful to avoid a stalemate. A capital three-mover of its special kind.

ORIGINAL PROBLEMS.

No. 2,463.
By R. G. THOMSON
(Aberdeen).

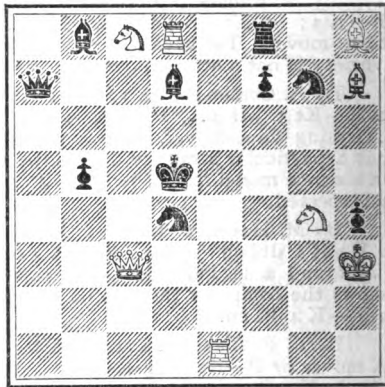
BLACK (9 pieces)



WHITE (7 pieces)
White mates in two moves.

No. 2,464.
By C. H. D. CLARK
(Leeds).

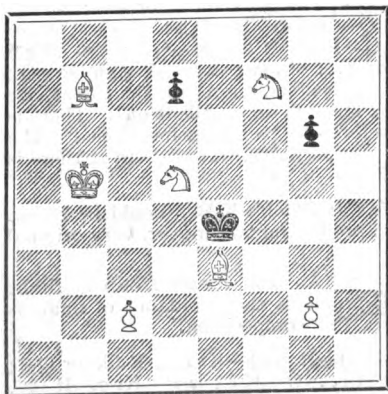
BLACK (10 pieces)



WHITE (8 pieces)
White mates in two moves.

No. 2,465.
By Dr. F. RDUCH
(Czermowitz).

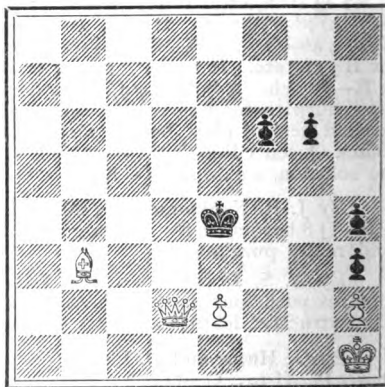
BLACK (3 pieces)



WHITE (7 pieces)
White mates in three moves.

No. 2,466.
By Dr. F. RDUCH
(Czermowitz).

BLACK (5 pieces)



WHITE (5 pieces)
White mates in four moves.

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CONGRESS AT WESTON.

The second chess congress in the West of England was opened at the Weston Town Hall on Saturday morning, April 19th, by E. S. Stradling, the chairman of the Urban District Council, who expressed the hope that the festival would be a permanent biennial event. The first, held in 1922, was famous for the magnificent way in which J. H. Blake, the veteran, as many younger players count him, upheld the fame of British chess, coming out at the head of affairs, above such well-known masters as G. Maroczy and B. Kostich, and other British players like Sir G. A. Thomas and F. D. Yates.

After the brief opening proceedings play commenced. In the Major Open tournament the draw and results were as follows:—

MAJOR OPEN TOURNAMENT.

ROUND 1, Saturday morning, April 19th.

| | <i>Opening.</i> | <i>Result.</i> |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Znosko-Borowski v. Drewitt .. | French Defence .. | Znosko-Borowski won. |
| Thomas v. Euwe | Sicilian | Drawn. |
| Blake v. Mackenzie | Ruy Lopez | Blake won. |
| Wainwright v. Spencer | Queen's Pawn | Spencer won. |
| Bolland v. Duffield | Max Lange | Bolland won. |

At one time it looked as if Euwe would lose. Sir George won a Pawn, and also had apparently the better game, with two passed Pawns; he however got short of time, and, making a bad move on his 38th, enabled Euwe to force a draw.

Drewitt played weakly, after a good defence for some time, mostly due to clock trouble. Mackenzie made an oversight v. Blake. Wainwright sinned against principles, going Pawn hunting, and the Queen's Knight's Pawn at that and paid the penalty. Duffield lost touch in the maze of the Max Lange which should be avoided if not well known.

ROUND 2, Saturday evening, April 19th resulted as follows:—

| | <i>Opening.</i> | <i>Result.</i> |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Mackenzie v. Thomas | Queen's Pawn | Thomas won. |
| Euwe v. Drewitt | Sicilian | Drawn. |
| Blake v. Wainwright | Sicilian | Blake won. |
| Spencer v. Bolland | Zukertort | Adjourned. |
| Znosko-Borowski v. Duffield .. | Ruy Lopez | Adjourned. |

Mackenzie v. Thomas was a very complicated game, but Mackenzie lost his way, and emerging from the melee a piece to the bad resigned on the 28th move. Euwe was again fortunate to draw for all along he had a trifle the worst of it.

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Blake won the exchange off Wainwright, and the latter having no compensation, gave up the struggle. Znosko-Borowski lost his Queen for a Rook in the middle game by an oversight, and should have no chance of drawing. Spencer won the exchange off Bolland, and should win on resumption.

Blake has started well with two wins to his credit, and Sir George Thomas with 1½, and Spencer with two probable points makes one hope for another British victory.

The adjourned game from the second round between Spencer and Bolland was won by the former on the 60th move. Znosko-Borowski was unable to retrieve his error in his game v. Duffield and resigned on the 46th move.

In the OPEN TOURNAMENT Lean beat Berryman and Jackson, and Watts, Jackson and Tregaskis. The other players are Wright, Howell Smith, Parsons, Morrison and E. J. Price.

ROUND 3, Monday, April 21st. The pairing and results were :—

| | <i>Opening.</i> | <i>Result.</i> |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Spencer v. Znosko-Borowski | Zukertort | Znosko-Borowski won. |
| Drewitt v. Duffield | Four Knights | Drawn. |
| Thomas v. Blake | Ruy Lopez | Thomas won. |
| Wainwright v. Euwe | Four Knights | Euwe won. |
| Bolland v. Mackenzie | Bishop's | Adjourned. |

Spencer, in a complicated game got a piece imprisoned and resigned on the 39th move. Drewitt's Four Knights with 4 P—Q 4 resembled a Scotch Game ; he won a Pawn but could not make headway, and Duffield by sacrificing a Bishop, secured a draw by perpetual check. Sir George played the attack in the Ruy Lopez, after 5... Kt×P and 9... B—K 2 with 10 Q Kt—Q 2, Castles ; 11 Q—K 2, the latest discovery, and by relentless pressure on the isolated Queen's Pawn drove Black's pieces back, and eventually won the King's Knight's Pawn, and then got Blake into a mating net on the King's side. This gave him the lead. Wainwright allowed his opponent a King's side attack by opening up the King's Rook's file, and Euwe won smartly. Bolland complicated matters to such an extent that both players were in time trouble, but Mackenzie was left at the adjournment with what should be a won game.

ROUND 4, Monday evening, April 21st, resulted as follows :—

| | <i>Opening.</i> | <i>Result.</i> |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Thomas v. Wainwright | Ruy Lopez | Thomas won. |
| Znosko-Borowski v. Bolland | Four Knights | Znosko-Borowski won. |
| Blake v. Drewitt | Scotch | Drawn. |
| Euwe v. Duffield | Giuoco Piano | Euwe won. |
| Spencer v. Mackenzie | Zukertort | Adjourned. |

Wainwright won two pieces for a Rook, with a good game, but he mismanaged affairs, and missed a draw, as pointed out by Euwe at the conclusion of the game ; a lucky win for Thomas. Znosko-Borowski outplayed his opponent. Blake could make no impression on Drewitt's defence. Duffield overlooked the loss of a piece in the opening and resigned on the twelfth move !

In the OPEN TOURNAMENT W. H. Watts has won all his four games. R. E. Lean has scored 3.

ROUND 5, Tuesday, April 22nd. The pairing and results were as follows:—

| | <i>Opening.</i> | <i>Result.</i> |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Duffield v. Mackenzie | Queen's Pawn | Duffield won. |
| Spencer v. Thomas | Zukertort | Spencer won. |
| Euwe v. Blake | Queen's Pawn | Adjourned. |
| Wainwright v. Znosko Borowski | Zukertort | Adjourned. |
| Bolland v. Drewitt | Petroff | Drewitt won. |

Spencer who had given up his Queen for three pieces in his adjourned game in the fourth round v. Mackenzie, won on continuing. His opponent in the fifth round was Thomas, who in a blocked position tried to force matters, but becoming short of time, made an error, of which Spencer took immediate advantage, thereby going to the head of affairs with a score of 4; Sir George is 3½. Wainwright played a good game against Znosko-Borowski, and seems to have a certain draw. The latter's score is 3, as is that of Euwe, who made a slip in the opening which lost a Pawn. At the adjournment Blake had won another Pawn, and should win, which would bring his score to 3½. Duffield v. Mackenzie was a race against the clock in which Duffield just secured sufficient advantage to win. Another lively game was that between Bolland and Drewitt, in which the time factor played a large part, Bolland losing a Pawn in the scramble which eventually proved sufficient for Drewitt to place a win to his credit.

ROUND 6, Wednesday, April 23rd, resulted as follows:—

| | <i>Opening.</i> | <i>Result.</i> |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Mackenzie v. Euwe | Queen's Gambit Dec. .. | Euwe won. |
| Thomas v. Bolland | Ruy Lopez | Thomas won. |
| Blake v. Znosko-Borowski .. | Ruy Lopez | Znosko-Borowski won. |
| Drewitt v. Wainwright | Alekhine Opening .. | Drewitt won. |
| Duffield v. Spencer | Ruy Lopez | Drawn. |

Euwe secured an advantage of a Pawn on the Queen's side, and staving off Mackenzie's King's side attack very cleverly, placed a fine game to his credit.

Bolland defended stoutly, and it was difficult to find a chink in his armour, but Sir George, with the necessity of scoring the major point if he is to keep in the first flight, played patiently for weaknesses, and at last saw an opportunity of winning a Pawn, and then exchanging off the remaining pieces reduced it to a won ending. Blake attacked strongly on the King's side, but at the critical point, under a hallucination made a move, which lost all his attacking possibilities, and gave them to his opponent, who stormed the position in a few moves.

Wainwright in answer to Drewitt's 1 P—K 4 played Kt—K B 3 (Alekhine's move) but soon got into trouble. Spencer got a doubled Pawn in defending a Ruy Lopez, but in the end-game which ensued, was able to secure a draw.

In the afternoon the adjourned games were played off, with disappointing results from the English point of view, for Blake, probably brooding over his error in the morning, made another in his end-game

v. Euwe, and the latter snatched an unexpected victory. Wainwright too, failed to find the drawing line in his game *v.* Znosko-Borowski, and the latter won ingeniously, but rather luckily. Bolland drew with Mackenzie.

The score now is Euwe and Znosko-Borowski, 5 ; Thomas and Spencer, 4½ ; Drewitt, 3½ ; Duffield, 3 ; Blake, 2½.

In the OPEN TOURNAMENT Watts leads with 5, having drawn two games ; Lean, Price, Morrison and Wright have all scored 4.

In the evening Znosko-Borowski played simultaneously, and after adjudication of several unfinished games, came out with the excellent score of 20 wins, 6 draws and only 2 losses, to Mrs. S. J. Holloway and C. Holman.

ROUND 7, Thursday morning, April 24th. The pairings and results were as follows :—

| | <i>Opening.</i> | <i>Result.</i> |
|--|--------------------|----------------------|
| Bolland <i>v.</i> Euwe | Four Knights | Drawn. |
| Wainwright <i>v.</i> Duffield | Vienna | Drawn. |
| Spencer <i>v.</i> Blake | Zukertort | Spencer won. |
| Drewitt <i>v.</i> Thomas | Four Knights | Thomas won. |
| Znosko-Borowski <i>v.</i> Mackenzie .. | Ruy Lopez | Znosko-Borowski won. |

Bolland played a sound and steady game, giving nothing away ; Euwe made an assault, which Bolland repulsed, and an end-game was reached in which Euwe was a Pawn down, but was able to secure a draw. Duffield snatched a distant Pawn to find his Queen imprisoned, with only two flight squares, which could be attacked by a Rook, and the game was drawn by repetition of moves. Blake, who has not been well for the last few days, played weakly *v.* Spencer, and soon drifted into a lost position. Drewitt snatching at the Queen's Knight's Pawn found Thomas had planned a really pretty sacrifice, which forced a win. The game between Znosko-Borowski and Mackenzie was well fought, and just at the adjournment Mackenzie's game fell to pieces, and losing a piece he resigned. Leading scores : Znosko-Borowski, 6 ; Euwe, Spencer and Thomas, 5½.

ROUND 8, Thursday evening, April 24th.

| | <i>Opening.</i> | <i>Result.</i> |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Blake <i>v.</i> Bolland | Vienna | Bolland won. |
| Mackenzie <i>v.</i> Wainwright | Queen's Pawn | Adjourned. |
| Znosko-Borowski <i>v.</i> Euwe | Sicilian | Znosko-Borowski won. |
| Duffield <i>v.</i> Thomas | Ruy Lopez | Thomas won. |
| Drewitt <i>v.</i> Spencer | Four Knights | Drewitt won. |

Euwe played a fine game in the evening despite his game *v.* Bolland having taken all the afternoon, as well as the morning. He eventually won nicely with two passed Pawns and dispossessed his opponent of his lead, he was later joined by Sir George Thomas who won after a hard struggle with Duffield, as second player in a Ruy Lopez, Spencer was unable to find the correct defence to Drewitt's Four Knights game, which the Hastings players, with Maroczy's help, have much analysed. Blake played lifelessly, and the strain of two games a day when sleeping badly has evidently prevented him showing the form which won him so much praise 1922.

Scores : Euwe, $6\frac{1}{2}$ (Spencer to play) ; Thomas $6\frac{1}{2}$ (Znosko-Borowski to play) ; Znosko-Borowski, 6 ; Spencer, $5\frac{1}{2}$; Drewitt, $4\frac{1}{2}$.

In the OPEN TOURNAMENT Watts lost to Wright, and the leaders are Watts, Wright and Lean with 6 each ; E. J. Price, $5\frac{1}{2}$.

On Friday morning, April 25th, instead of playing off the last round, as most of the competitors would have preferred, a lightning tournament was held in which some 30 players took part ; in the final Duffield, giving a Knight, defeated Noel Johnson, who was second, Sir G. A. Thomas, Euwe, Drewitt and Bolland were among the unsuccessful competitors.

ROUND 9 was commenced on Friday evening, April 25th ; in the Major Open event, the pairings and results were as follows :—

| | <i>Opening.</i> | <i>Result.</i> |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Bolland v. Wainwright | Max Lange | Wainwright won. |
| Duffield v. Blake | Queen's Pawn | Blake won. |
| Euwe v. Spencer | Queen's Pawn | Euwe won. |
| Thomas v. Snosko-Borowski | Ruy Lopez | Adjourned. |
| Mackenzie v. Drewitt | Queen's Pawn | Drawn. |

Euwe made certain of at least sharing the first prize by defeating Spencer, but Thomas is two Pawns up in his game and should win, when it is resumed on Saturday morning—this will bring his score equal to Euwe's—an excellent performance ; Euwe himself would be the first to admit that he has been lucky in this tournament, he should have lost his ending v. Bolland, besides winning two other games which should have been drawn, but he is a player who is always ready to seize such chances as he can get, and some of his games were won in first-class style. Sir George Thomas does not play in the same attacking style, but that he can do so when opportunity occurs was shown in his game v. Drewitt. Snosko-Borowski started badly, and had some luck, but deserves his position of third. Spencer unfortunately tailed off at the end, but he has well upheld the sole representation of the Northern players. Blake, after a fine start, suffered from sleeplessness, and did not do himself justice. Capt. Bolland proved difficult to beat, but lacked the end-game knowledge necessary to round off his games, probably through the want of hard practice with first-class players. Since the result of the tournament depends on that of the last game, as also in the case of the other Open Tournament, the players and spectators alike will agree that this Congress has been as exciting as the previous one.

In the OPEN TOURNAMENT Lean defeated Watts in the last round, and like Euwe in the other tourney made certain of at least a share of the first prize. Wright who is playing Price, can tie with him by winning this game. Here again the four leaders were playing one another in the last round. The adjourned games will be played out on Saturday morning.

Saturday, April 26th.—The adjourned games from the last round were played out this morning and to the general regret Sir George Thomas lost his way in a Rook and Pawn ending, in which

he was a Pawn up, and was only able to draw. It is very unusual for him to err in this department of the game, and his error on this occasion deprived him of the right to share in the first prize. Certainly this tournament has had more than its full complement of errors, and scarcely any of the players have been free from some blunder for which they must have wanted to kick themselves! It is possible the time limit of twenty moves per hour was a contributory cause though in our experience, whatever the time limit, some players will be short of that commodity; or it may have been the strain of two hard games in one day, but whatever the cause, we cannot remember any tournament of recent times which has had so many untoward results.

The table of the Major Open is as follows:—

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | T'l. |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1 M. Euwe | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | I | 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 2 Sir G. A. Thomas .. . | $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | O | I | I | I | I | I | I | 7 |
| 3 E. Snosko-Borowski .. . | O | $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | I | I | I | O | I | I | I | 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 4 E. Spencer .. . | O | I | O | — | I | O | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | I | I | 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 5 J. A. J. Drewitt .. . | $\frac{1}{2}$ | O | O | I | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | 5 |
| 6 J. H. Blake .. . | O | O | O | O | $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | I | O | I | I | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 7 C. Duffield .. . | O | O | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | O | — | O | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 8 Capt. P. D. Bolland .. . | $\frac{1}{2}$ | O | O | O | O | I | I | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | O | 3 |
| 9 A. J. Mackenzie .. . | O | O | O | O | $\frac{1}{2}$ | O | O | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | I | 2 |
| 10 G. E. Wainwright .. . | O | O | O | O | O | O | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | O | — | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ |

In the OPEN TOURNAMENT, Wright defeated Price and thereby shared the first prize with Lean, the full score of this Tourney was as follows:—

OPEN TOURNAMENT.

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | |
|----------------------------|---|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1 R. E. Lean .. . | — | I | I | O | O | I | I | I | I | I | 7 |
| 2 G. Wright .. . | O | — | I | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | O | I | I | I | 7 |
| 3 W. H. Watts .. . | O | O | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | I | I | I | I | 6 |
| 4 E. J. Price .. . | I | O | $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | O | I | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 5 J. H. Morrison .. . | I | O | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | O | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | 5 |
| 6 G. Tregaskis .. . | O | O | O | I | O | — | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 7 W. J. Berryman .. . | O | I | O | O | $\frac{1}{2}$ | O | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | 3 |
| 8 H. Parsons .. . | O | O | O | O | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | I | O | 3 |
| 9 J. Jackson .. . | O | O | O | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | O | $\frac{1}{2}$ | O | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 2 |
| 10 S. J. Howell Smith .. . | O | O | O | O | O | O | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | 2 |

The prize winners in the other Tourneys were as follows:—

FIRST CLASS, "A": F. H. Terrill, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$; R. M. Norman, 6; P. C. Littlejohn and L. Vine, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$.

FIRST CLASS, "B": P. J. Lawrence, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$; F. A. Richardson, 7; Mrs. R. H. S. Stevenson and Rev. E. W. Poynter, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$.

SECOND CLASS, "A": R. C. Noel Johnson, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$; Dr. E. H. Smith, 8; R. C. Falkner and E. G. Rodway, 5.

SECOND CLASS, "B" : H. Ward, $7\frac{1}{2}$; C. H. Taylor, $6\frac{1}{2}$; S. J. Osborne, 6.

THIRD CLASS "A" (8 competitors) : J. E. Coleman, W. Barker, and D. Clarke, 5 each.

THIRD CLASS, "B" (8 competitors) : C. Sullivan and W. G. Boys, 6 ; Miss Chater, W. H. Eyles and Miss Eyre, 4.

The LIGHTNING TOURNAMENT ended as follows :—1st, C. Sullivan ; 2nd, H. J. H. Cope ; 3rd, Max Euwe ; 4th, Dr. E. H. Smith.

INTER-UNIVERSITY CABLE MATCH.

The Cable match between the British Universities of Oxford, Cambridge and London, and the American Universities of Columbia, Harvard, Yale and Princetown, was, through the kindness of Mrs. I. L. Rice, the wife of the late Professor Isaac L. Rice, who originally provided a trophy for the contest, which reverted to him on their suspension fourteen years ago, was resumed on Saturday, April 26th. The British representatives played at the London University Union, Malet Street, and play commenced at 2-45, continued till 6-15, resumed at 7-30 and continued till 12, when it was agreed that Geza Maroczky should adjudicate the three unfinished games.

Certainly as to results, the British representatives were unfortunate, but it was mainly their own fault, for spending so long over their early moves. The time limit was thirty moves in first two hours and thereafter 15 per hour and yet three of the British side threw away their games through being short of time. Burger has to make 20 moves in 18 minutes in his second hour, and lost a Pawn by the way, with little compensation. West had a difficult game, having castled on Queen's side, but by judicious exchanges, secured apparent equality. A. R. B. Thomas had a very hot attack to withstand, but defended capably until just towards his second hour when he overlooked a necessary preliminary move, which would have saved the loss of a piece he eventually had to sustain, and turned a draw into a loss. Goldstein with the better game, played to win a Pawn with his Queen instead of his Rook, thereby giving his opponent attacking chances; which owing to his not having conserved time on his clock, resulted in the oversight of a piece. A loss instead of a win. Pryor defended a Ruy Lopez splendidly, got a won ending, but muddled it, and could only get a draw on adjudication. Klein playing a Vienna, always retained an advantage, but missed an early chance of winning the exchange, he eventually won by some pretty chess and his was the first game concluded. Full score :—

AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES.

| | |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| 1 M. Schapiro (Columbia) . . . | $*\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 2 K. O. Mott-Smith (Harvard) . . | $*\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 3 O. Frink (Columbia) . . . | 1 |
| 4 L. W. Samuels (Columbia) . . . | 1 |
| 5 X. Koetter (Princetown) . . . | $*\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 6 T. Sherman (Yale) . . . | 0 |

$3\frac{1}{2}$

BRITISH UNIVERSITIES.

| | |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| V. Buerger (London) . . . | $*\frac{1}{2}$ |
| J. E. West (Cambridge) . . . | $*\frac{1}{2}$ |
| A. R. B. Thomas (Cambridge) . . | 0 |
| R. F. Goldstein (London) . . . | 0 |
| W. B. E. Pryer (Oxford) . . . | $*\frac{1}{2}$ |
| L. Klein (London) . . . | 1 |

$2\frac{1}{2}$

THE NEW YORK TOURNAMENT.

[The International Masters' Tournament at the Hotel Alamac, Manhattan, New York, came to an end on Thursday, April 17th, and the result was, as had been expected for some time past, a brilliant victory for Dr. Emanuel Lasker, ex-champion of the world. Dr. Lasker went through the whole tournament with only one defeat—at the hands of Capablanca in the second half—and won by the comfortable margin of $1\frac{1}{2}$ points over the champion. His play in the second half, apart from the lost game was a marvel of skill and accuracy, as can be gathered from the fact that in the other nine games he dropped but half a point! Capablanca's second round score, in his endeavour to overtake Lasker, was wonderfully fine; but Lasker equalled it. We doubt if ever such a double exhibition of resolution has been seen in any tournament in history. To chessplayers the result will be very welcome if it leads to a return match for the championship, as it tends to confirm Lasker's claim that he was unable to do himself justice in Havana for physical reasons. It must be noted, on the other hand, that Capablanca was handicapped at the start of the New York tournament by an attack of influenza from which he had barely recovered.]

FULL SCORE OF THE NEW YORK TOURNAMENT.

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | T'l. |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 1 Dr. Em. Lasker | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ 1 | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 1 | 1 1 | 1 1 | $\frac{1}{2}$ 1 | $\frac{1}{2}$ 1 | $\frac{1}{2}$ 1 | 1 1 | 16 |
| 2 J. R. Capablanca | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ 1 | 1 1 | 1 1 | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ 1 | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 3 A. Alekhine .. | 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ 1 | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 1 | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 1 | 12 |
| 4 F. J. Marshall .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ 1 | $\frac{1}{2}$ 0 | 1 0 | 0 1 | $\frac{1}{2}$ 1 | $\frac{1}{2}$ 1 | 1 1 | 11 |
| 5 R. Reti .. | 0 0 | 1 0 | 1 0 | 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 0 | 1 1 | 1 0 | 1 0 | 1 1 | 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 6 Geza Maroczy .. | 0 0 | 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | 0 1 | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 1 | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 0 | 10 |
| 7 E. D. Bogoljuboff | 0 0 | 0 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 0 | 1 0 | 0 1 | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 1 | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 1 | 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 8 Dr. Tartakower | 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | 1 1 | 1 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ 1 | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 8 |
| 9 F. D. Yates .. | 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 0 | 0 0 | 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 0 | 0 0 | 0 0 | 1 0 | — | 1 1 | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 7 |
| 10 Ed. Lasker .. | 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ 0 | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 0 | — | 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 11 D. Janowski .. | 0 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ 0 | 0 0 | 0 0 | 0 0 | 1 0 | 0 1 | $\frac{1}{2}$ 0 | 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ 1 | — | 5 |

The first score under each player is the result when he had White.

In comparison with the performances of the champion and ex-champion, Alekhine's is made to look moderate; and his score contains an excessive number of drawn games, in which there seemed to be a lack of effort. Marshall's "come-back" was a fine one, and the way in which he worked up from equal 5th-8th place in the first half to undisputed fourth place in the whole tournament is very gratifying to his admirers. If only for his defeat of Capablanca, the first loss the champion has suffered for eight years, Reti has cause to be proud of his play in New York; but his second-round score must be disappointing to him. Maroczy's 50 per cent. total of points was reached by wonderful steadiness, and of the 10 points he dropped half were to the three leaders. Neither Bogoljuboff nor Tartakover quite came up

to expectations, though both scored two draws against Alekhine. Yates, after a poor start, had a fine second-round score, standing indeed equal 4th-6th in the second half by itself. Edward Lasker had a score made up almost entirely of draws, some of them very good performances. Janowski had flashes of excellent play, but did not last throughout the tournament. We append the full table:—

In addition to the prizes won by the first five in the table, brilliancy prizes were awarded to Reti for his win against Bogoljuboff, to Capablanca for his win against Lasker, and to Marshall. Prizes also went to Tartakover and Bogoljuboff for the best-played games, and to Bogoljuboff for the best-defended game.

The table below gives the scores round by round:—

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
|-------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Dr. Em. Lasker | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $1\frac{1}{2}$ | $2\frac{1}{2}$ | 3 | $3\frac{1}{2}$ | $4\frac{1}{2}$ | $5\frac{1}{2}$ | $6\frac{1}{2}$ | 7 | $7\frac{1}{2}$ |
| J. R. Capablanca | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 | $1\frac{1}{2}$ | 2 | 3 | $3\frac{1}{2}$ | 4 | $4\frac{1}{2}$ | $5\frac{1}{2}$ | 6 | — |
| A. Alekhine | 1 | 2 | 2 | $2\frac{1}{2}$ | — | $3\frac{1}{2}$ | 4 | 5 | $5\frac{1}{2}$ | 6 | $6\frac{1}{2}$ |
| F. J. Marshall | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 | 1 | — | $1\frac{1}{2}$ | $1\frac{1}{2}$ | 2 | 3 | $3\frac{1}{2}$ | 4 | 5 |
| R. Reti | $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 6 |
| G. Maroczy | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 | $1\frac{1}{2}$ | $1\frac{1}{2}$ | $2\frac{1}{2}$ | $2\frac{1}{2}$ | 3 | 4 | — | 5 |
| E. D. Bogoljuboff | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $1\frac{1}{2}$ | $2\frac{1}{2}$ | $3\frac{1}{2}$ | — | $3\frac{1}{2}$ | $3\frac{1}{2}$ | $3\frac{1}{2}$ | $4\frac{1}{2}$ | 5 |
| Dr. S. Tartakower | 1 | $1\frac{1}{2}$ | $2\frac{1}{2}$ | 3 | $3\frac{1}{2}$ | $3\frac{1}{2}$ | — | 4 | $4\frac{1}{2}$ | 5 | 5 |
| F. D. Yates | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $1\frac{1}{2}$ | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | $2\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Ed. Lasker | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 | $1\frac{1}{2}$ | $1\frac{1}{2}$ | $1\frac{1}{2}$ | 2 | 2 | $2\frac{1}{2}$ | — | 3 | 3 |
| D. Janowski | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 | — | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | $3\frac{1}{2}$ | $3\frac{1}{2}$ |

| | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Dr. Em. Lasker | $8\frac{1}{2}$ | $9\frac{1}{2}$ | $9\frac{1}{2}$ | — | $10\frac{1}{2}$ | $11\frac{1}{2}$ | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| J. R. Capablanca | $6\frac{1}{2}$ | $7\frac{1}{2}$ | $8\frac{1}{2}$ | $9\frac{1}{2}$ | 10 | — | 11 | 12 | $12\frac{1}{2}$ | $13\frac{1}{2}$ | $14\frac{1}{2}$ |
| A. Alekhine | 7 | 7 | $7\frac{1}{2}$ | $8\frac{1}{2}$ | 9 | $9\frac{1}{2}$ | 10 | 11 | $11\frac{1}{2}$ | — | 12 |
| F. J. Marshall | — | 6 | 6 | 7 | $7\frac{1}{2}$ | 8 | 9 | $9\frac{1}{2}$ | 10 | 11 | 11 |
| R. Reti | 7 | 8 | — | 8 | 8 | 9 | $9\frac{1}{2}$ | $9\frac{1}{2}$ | $9\frac{1}{2}$ | $9\frac{1}{2}$ | $10\frac{1}{2}$ |
| G. Maroczy | $5\frac{1}{2}$ | $5\frac{1}{2}$ | 6 | 7 | — | 7 | $7\frac{1}{2}$ | 8 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| E. D. Bogoljuboff | 5 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | $8\frac{1}{2}$ | $8\frac{1}{2}$ | — | $9\frac{1}{2}$ | $9\frac{1}{2}$ | $9\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Dr. S. Tartakower | $5\frac{1}{2}$ | $5\frac{1}{2}$ | $6\frac{1}{2}$ | $6\frac{1}{2}$ | $7\frac{1}{2}$ | $7\frac{1}{2}$ | $7\frac{1}{2}$ | — | 7 | 7 | 8 |
| F. D. Yates | $3\frac{1}{2}$ | — | $4\frac{1}{2}$ | $4\frac{1}{2}$ | $4\frac{1}{2}$ | $4\frac{1}{2}$ | $5\frac{1}{2}$ | $6\frac{1}{2}$ | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| Ed. Lasker | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | $4\frac{1}{2}$ | 5 | 5 | 5 | 6 | $6\frac{1}{2}$ | $6\frac{1}{2}$ |
| D. Janowski | $3\frac{1}{2}$ | $3\frac{1}{2}$ | $3\frac{1}{2}$ | $3\frac{1}{2}$ | $3\frac{1}{2}$ | $4\frac{1}{2}$ | — | $4\frac{1}{2}$ | $4\frac{1}{2}$ | 5 | 5 |

THE BRITISH CORRESPONDENCE CHESS ASSOCIATION.

All communications respecting these pages should be addressed to the hon. secretary, Mr. H. E. Matthews, 37 Anson Street, Monton, Eccles, Manchester.

Matches.—Ninety-six boards are engaged against the Chess Amateur League in the match which started on March 29th, being thirty-one more than in last year's big match.

We have been successful, mainly as a result of the co-operation of a new member, P. Le Grip, in arranging a match against a team selected by the French Chess Federation from Paris, Nice and Bordeaux Clubs. This is quite an innovation and although our opponents are, we believe, a very strong combination we are anticipating that our players will give a good account of themselves. The teams given below are not placed in order of strength, the pairings having been decided by ballot in most cases.

France.—1, G. Renaud ; 2, B. Reilly ; 3, A. Monterde ; 4, G. A. L. Hommedé ; 5, Dr. Imbaud ; 6, J. Lafaurie ; 7, C. Lucas ; 8, Abbé J. Poey ; 9, R. Gaudin ; 10, A. de Gaigneron de Marolles ; 11, Commandant de Villadary ; 12, A. de Ranglandre ; 13, J. Legrix de la Salle ; 14, Ch. Delvaille ; 15, J. Hagen ; 16, A. Scailon ; 17, L. Robinson ; 18, P. Lavoipierre ; 19, M. Tauber ; 20, P. Mora ; 21, G. Legrain ; 22, H. Vermesch ; 23, P. Le Grip ; 24, E. Michel.

B.C.C.A.—1, W. H. Gunston ; 2, Rev. J. Mogg ; 3, F. E. Ward ; 4, F. W. Clarke ; 5, E. Parsons ; 6, P. J. Lawrence ; 7, F. F. Finch ; 8, Prof. R. Robinson ; 9, P. Wilson ; 10, F. W. Carmichael ; 11, Rev. J. Joyce ; 12, C. North ; 13, K. G. Jayne ; 14, H. E. Matthews ; 15, F. W. Ffoulkes ; 16, F. W. Flear ; 17, Dr. R. C. Macdonald ; 18, A. M. Sparke ; 19, Major E. Montague-Jones ; 20 A. Rhead ; 21, A. P. White ; 22, H. F. H. Cope ; 23, A. S. Vosper ; 24, C. T. Blanshard.

In the match *v. The Belfast News-Letter* team, Mr. Bussell has won for us at Board 3.

The album of photographs is being despatched on May 1st and will be circulated in turn to all who have contributed towards the scheme—some thirty members in all.

Trophy Tourney Results.—Class 1a: Holmes 1, Bodkin 0 ; Lawrence $\frac{1}{2}$, Ffoulkes $\frac{1}{2}$; Gunston 1, Parsons 0 ; Illingworth 1, Gunston 0. Class 1b: Bussell 1, Mogg 0 ; Cope $\frac{1}{2}$, Sheppard $\frac{1}{2}$; Sheppard 1, White 0 ; Matthews $\frac{1}{2}$, Bussell $\frac{1}{2}$. Class 2a: Wilson 1, Blanshard 0. Class 2b: Ward 1, Maden 0 ; Malone 1, Maden 0 ; Malone 1, Terry 0 ; Jayne 1, Toledano 0 ; Ward 1, Dancer 0 ; Dancer retires through ill-health—remaining games scored to his opponents. Class 3b: Wallis 1, Armitage 0 ; Wallis 1, Bardsley 0 ; Gurney 1, Bardsley 0 ; Lesser 1, Pindar 0 ; Wallis 1, Rynders 0 ; Gurney 1, Sheard 0. Class 4a: Miss Chater 1, Thomas 0 ; Walton 1, Laslett 0 ; Holmes 1, Miss Chater 0. Class 4b: Wood 1, Day 0 ; Wood 1, Seymour 0 ; Day 1, Hirst 0 ; Behrndt 1, Hirst 0. Class 4c: McKellen 1, Taylor 0 ; Redfern 1, Lord 0 ; Redfern 1, Roberts 0 ; Bogg 1, Lord 0 ; Bogg $\frac{1}{2}$, McKellen $\frac{1}{2}$; Bogg 1, Griffin 0 ; Redfern $\frac{1}{2}$, Pugh $\frac{1}{2}$; Redfern 1, Griffin 0 ; Redfern 1, Withey 0. Class 5a: Collins 1, Beckwith 0 ; Collins 1, Tott 0 ; Davis $\frac{1}{2}$, Wilcox $\frac{1}{2}$. Class 5b: Houghton 1, Baker 0 ; Houghton 1, Green 0 ; Houghton 1, Curson 0. Class 5c: Miss Eveling 1, Lister 0 ; Hussian 1, Miss Eveling 0.

REVIEW.

La Fin de Partie : Une Tour et un Pion contre une Tour. André Chéron. Aigle, Switzerland : Imprimerie Borloz. 3s., postage extra.

This is a very serviceable little pamphlet on the ending King, Rook and Pawn *v.* King and Rook, for a copy of which we have to thank the author, M. Chéron, of Leysin, Switzerland. It contains thirty-four main studies of this particular form of the end-game, one of the commonest and most important branches in actual play. Tattersall's *Thousand End-games*, we note, has only seven examples, while emphasising the value of the knowledge how to handle the position where Rook opposes Rook, with or without Pawns.

M. Chéron points out that he has not only made use of the work of other analysts, but has embodied the results of original research, hitherto unpublished. His industry has been to the benefit of end-game science, especially as he has gone beyond the demonstration of a win or a draw in certain special positions, and has endeavoured to lay down the general conditions of success and nullity when one side has a Pawn in a Rook ending.

Philidor demonstrated in the Eighteenth Century that the inferior forces can draw when their King can get in front of the hostile Pawn. M. Chéron deals only with cases where the King is cut off, usually by the hostile Rook, from attaining such a position ; and his object is to furnish the student with formulas enabling him to recognise easily what the result of the game will be with accurate play.

We could not, without devoting to the task more space than is at our disposal, give an adequate idea of what the author has accomplished in the way of establishment of principles. But we may quote two examples.

The "six rule" (which seems to have been laid down first by Collijn in the *Lärobok*) specifies that when the Black King—the King of the inferior forces—is cut off laterally by the Rook, the number of the rank on which the Pawn stands + the maximum number of columns between the King and the Pawn must be at most 6, in the case of a Knight's Pawn ; or 5 in the cases of King's Pawn, Queen's Pawn or Bishop's Pawn. *E.g.*, with White King at Q Kt 3, Rook at Q 1, and Pawn at Q Kt 4, and Black King at K 3 and Rook at Q Kt 1, then, irrespective of who has the move, the game is drawn.

Again, the "eight rule" specifies that, when the Pawn is on a Rook's file, the number of the Pawn's rank + the maximum number of columns between the Black King and the Pawn cannot be more than 8 for Black to draw. *E.g.*, with White King at Q R 2, Rook at K Kt 1, and Pawn at Q R 3, and Black King at K R 3 and Rook at Q R 1, then, irrespective of the move, White wins.

We can cordially recommend M. Chéron's work to all students of the end-game.

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THE UNIVERSITIES WEEK.

On Monday, March 24th, the combined Universities of Oxford and Cambridge (Past and Present) played an eighteen-board match with the University of London. Score :—

| COMBINED UNIVERSITIES. | | | | LONDON UNIVERSITY. | | | |
|------------------------|----------------------------|----|---|--------------------|----|----|---|
| 1 | *B. Goulding Brown (C.) | .. | ½ | V. Buerger | .. | .. | ½ |
| 2 | A. Oppenheim (O.) | .. | 0 | M. E. Goldstein | .. | .. | 1 |
| 3 | *P. I. Wyndham (C.) | .. | 0 | R. F. Goldstein | .. | .. | 1 |
| 4 | A. R. B. Thomas (C.) | .. | 1 | J. Vesselo | .. | .. | 0 |
| 5 | W. F. Jones (O.) | .. | 0 | L. Klein | .. | .. | 1 |
| 6 | A. W. Stonier (O.) | .. | 1 | K. F. T. Mills | .. | .. | 0 |
| 7 | A. W. Exell (C.) | .. | ½ | H. L. Zeckhausen | .. | .. | ½ |
| 8 | R. M. Dowdeswell (C.) | .. | ½ | A. C. Faulkner | .. | .. | ½ |
| 9 | N. Baliol-Scott (O.) | .. | ½ | N. F. MacLagan | .. | .. | ½ |
| 10 | E. P. C. Cotter (O.) | .. | 0 | T. G. Griggs | .. | .. | 1 |
| 11 | H. J. C. Herrick (C.) | .. | 1 | H. R. le Pelley | .. | .. | 0 |
| 2 | G. E. Hewson (C.) | .. | 1 | H. A. Farington | .. | .. | 0 |
| 13 | *A. H. Wykeham George (O.) | .. | ½ | J. Romyanek | .. | .. | ½ |
| 14 | G. Costigan (O.) | .. | 1 | J. H. Bevis | .. | .. | 0 |
| 15 | E. H. Bateman (C.) | .. | 1 | S. Weeden | .. | .. | 0 |
| 16 | G. W. Furlonge (C.) | .. | 0 | C. Caudwell | .. | .. | 1 |
| 17 | H. D. Thomas (C.) | .. | ½ | H. Robinson | .. | .. | ½ |
| 18 | J. Edwards (O.) | .. | 1 | C. L. Gale | .. | .. | 0 |

The first match of the new series will be played on Saturday, April 26th, and the English team will consist of W. E. B. Pryer (Oxford), A. R. B. Thomas and J. E. West (Cambridge), and V. Buerger, R. F. Goldstein and L. Klein (University of London). The match will be played at the London University Union, Mallard Street, commencing at 2-45 p.m. and continue until midnight, when any unfinished games will be adjudicated.

BRITISH CHESS FEDERATION.

The Executive Committee of the British Chess Federation met in London, on Saturday, April 12th. An important matter under consideration was a letter from the French Chess Federation announcing the addition of an International Amateur Chess Tournament to the Olympic Games at Paris, to run from the 13th to the 20th July next. Entries are invited from amateur chess players in all countries to be sent to Monsieur Fernand Gavarry, Ministre Plenipotentiaire, President du Comité d'Honneur, 14 rue Alfred de Vigny, Paris VIII, before the 21st June next. Full particulars of tourneys, entrance fees, etc., can be obtained from Monsieur Gavarry but it may be noted that lady as well as gentlemen players are eligible and that not more than four competitors are permitted from each nation. To satisfy the general conditions under which Olympic Games are conducted, each entrant must have a certificate from his National Association confirming his or her amateur status. In this connection it may be remarked that the fact of having won a money prize in a Tournament will not affect this status in the case of chess players.

In view of the fact that the whole sphere of British Chess is showing unprecedented vitality and movement as evidenced by more frequent congresses and many more important County and Club Competitions, the Committee has decided to approach the Units with suggestions designed to secure the best results by uniform and concerted action. The chief idea is that the Annual Meetings of the Units should be fairly concurrent and before the end of June each year, when the full programme of Congresses, County matches and similar events can be definitely arranged, which programme would form the basis of a Diary for the season to be issued by the Federation. Another suggestion is that the Unions should agree upon a uniform qualification for county players throughout Great Britain.

The Committee further agreed to allot a sum of £40 each year towards the expenses incurred by the three Counties competing in the English County Championship, being £10 to each County for each match in which it takes part.

The details of the Southport Congress were settled and the programmes will be ready for issue by the middle of May.

A Sub-Committee's Report on the Re-issue of the Federation's booklet, the *Laws of Chess*, was considered and referred for further treatment to the whole Committee.

A special vote of sympathy with the Chairman of the Committee, Major R. W. Barnett, M.P. who was absent owing to ill health was passed unanimously.

NEWS FROM THE BRITISH ISLES.

Second Year of the Boys' Championship at Hastings.—This event started at the Town Hall, Hastings, on April 21st, with the following entries, arranged according to sections:—

A.—P. S. Milner-Barry (holder), L. G. Norman, L. B. Hunt, G. Austin, V. Watling, R. W. Dodds. B.—L. N. Stuart, R. A. Pilkington, T. H. Silcock, J. Hosford, W. A. Spouse, A. Winsor. C.—R. H. Brown, D. J. P. Gale, A. Mortlock, T. H. Wechsler, R. S. Hunter, T. H. Goodwin. D.—E. J. Scrimgeour, A. D. Birks, A. J. A. Goetze, H. G. Exell, J. S. Maxwell, A. E. Smith. E.—L. F. Pape, A. C. Steadman, C. S. K. George, D. A. G. Salter, G. W. Charig, P. G. Husbands. F.—R. H. Blomfield, A. G. Charles, R. Cross, C. Bruning, D. A. C. Gibb, W. H. Pratten.

The section winners played in the final pool which resulted in W. H. Pratten of Southsea with a score of 4, winning the Championship. The other results were L. N. Stuart, C. J. Scrimgeour, 3 each. R. S. Milner Barry, (holder) and R. H. Brown 2 each, F. Pope 1. Pratten who is 16 this month was born at Swindon, and is now at the Esplanade High School, Southsea. He was the only competitor who did not suffer a defeat through the whole week's play, and even if he were lucky against Stuart in the final round, his record was a fine one.

A fuller report will be given next month.

The adjudication in the final match in the N.C.C.U. between Yorkshire and Lancashire resulted as follows (see page 134, April). Yorkshire won on boards 3, 7, and 27, drew on 23, and lost on 4, 6, 13, 21 and 22, thus bringing up their score from $12\frac{1}{2}$ to $8\frac{1}{2}$ to the final result of 16 to 14. A very fine victory.

In the semi-final match of the S.C.C.U. between Somerset and Kent (page 136) the adjudications resulted as follows:—Somerset won on boards 5, 7, drew on 6, and lost on 9 and 10. The final result being Somerset $8\frac{1}{2}$, Kent $7\frac{1}{2}$. Somerset will therefore play Surrey in the final. The latter having defeated Essex on April 12th by 11 to 6 at St. Bride's Institute in the other semi-final, this match will be played early next month.

In the final round of the M.C.C.U. the result of adjudications has been to give Warwickshire the championship for the fourth consecutive year. Warwickshire were given a win on board 2, the other four games, 8, 12, 15, 16 (see page 138) were all adjudicated as drawn. The final score being Warwickshire 9, Leicestershire 7.

The last match in the Six Counties competition was played at Brighton, on Saturday, the 29th March. The fact that Kent, with a clean score, had already secured the Montague Jones' Trophy, robbed the match of much of its importance. The Red Drawing-room at the Pavilion was secured for the match, and, always an encouraging matter,

there was quite a crowd of interested spectators, who had the pleasure of seeing keenly contested games gradually go in favour of the home team. Four games were left for adjudication.

SUSSEX.

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| 1 | G. M. Norman | .. | .. | .. | I |
| 2 | Rev. E. Griffiths | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 3 | E. M. Jackson | .. | .. | .. | * |
| 4 | J. A. J. Drewitt | .. | .. | .. | I |
| 5 | E. J. Ackroyd | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 6 | R. E. Lean | .. | .. | .. | I |
| 7 | W. A. Paley Hughes | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 8 | J. Storr Best | .. | .. | .. | I |
| 9 | W. Bridger | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 10 | Dr. R. Dunstan | .. | .. | .. | I |
| 11 | H. E. Dobell | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 12 | J. H. Jones | .. | .. | .. | I |
| 13 | J. A. Watt | .. | .. | .. | * |
| 14 | G. V. Butler | .. | .. | .. | I |
| 15 | W. H. King | .. | .. | .. | * |
| 16 | E. G. Spears | .. | .. | .. | * |
| 17 | Hon. F. G. Hamilton-Russell | .. | .. | .. | I |
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ESSEX.

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| W. O. Woodfield | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| E. J. Price | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| C. A. Thorogood | .. | .. | .. | * |
| W. H. Taylor | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| F. W. Markwick | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| R. H. Bayley | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| F. A. Sisley | .. | .. | .. | I |
| G. F. Hawkins | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| R. C. Harvey | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| D. Love | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| E. J. Gibbs | .. | .. | .. | I |
| S. B. Marston | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| W. G. Elsmore | .. | .. | .. | * |
| E. Gare | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| Miss Chater | .. | .. | .. | * |
| L. T. Weaser | .. | .. | .. | * |
| J. E. Coleman | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
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The return match between Nottinghamshire and Leicestershire was played at the Mechanics' Institution, Nottingham, on Saturday, April 5th, and ended in a narrow win for Leicestershire by 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 9 $\frac{1}{2}$, after adjudication of two unfinished games.

Brembridge Cup Competition.—Following is the score of the second replayed match in the semi-final round, the first two matches having been ties (see page 143). This was played at Totnes on March 29th last.

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| 1 | H. V. Mallison | .. | .. | .. | * $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 2 | H. J. Stretton | .. | .. | .. | *0 |
| 3 | Rev. A. Seymour | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 4 | A. J. Roberts | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 5 | A. M. Pearson | .. | .. | .. | I |
| 6 | M. Langdon | .. | .. | .. | I |
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| T. Taylor | .. | .. | .. | .. | * $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| R. M. Bruce | .. | .. | .. | .. | *I |
| Dr. C. Ll. Lander | .. | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Rev. J. Julian Smith | .. | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| A. Briais | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| J. Nancarrow | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
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* Adjudicated by Mr. L. Van Vliet.

In the final round of this competition Exeter and Totnes have now to play each other.

Moyle Cup.—A match played at Exeter in this competition on March 15th resulted:—

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| 1 | A. M. Pearson | .. | .. | .. | I |
| 2 | W. Coles | .. | .. | .. | I |
| 3 | J. Deans Brown | .. | .. | .. | * $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 4 | H. d'Olier Drury | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 5 | C. G. Baker | .. | .. | .. | I |
| 6 | E. C. Baker | .. | .. | .. | *0 |
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| A. S. Stoneman | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| W. Gray | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| H. G. Phillips | .. | .. | .. | .. | * $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| R. W. Hornbrook | .. | .. | .. | .. | I |
| S. R. Henwood | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| G. Trice | .. | .. | .. | .. | *I |
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| | | | | | 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ |

* Adjudicated by Mr. L. Van Vliet.

Edwin Woodhouse Cup Competition.—After a delay of several weeks the Edwin Woodhouse Cup match between Hull and Sheffield was decided during last week by the adjudication of the five games unfinished on the day of play, the Sheffielders sustaining their claim and winning the match by $5\frac{1}{2}$ games to $4\frac{1}{2}$. This brought their competition points to a level with those of the leaders, Huddersfield, and a deciding match took place in the rooms of the Leeds Club on Saturday, April 12th. Both sides were at full strength, and a hard struggle ensued, the play being so stubborn and tenacious that at the call of time only six games had been decided, and four will be added to the abnormally large number that this season's competition has provided for the analysis of the adjudicators. Huddersfield at present hold the lead, but it would be rash to hazard any definite opinion as to the ultimate result. Score:—

| HUDDERSFIELD. | | | | | | SHEFFIELD. | | | | | |
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| 1 | H. E. Atkins | .. | .. | .. | I | G. W. Moses | .. | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 2 | C. W. Roberts | .. | .. | .. | I | E. Dale | .. | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 3 | H. J. Lofthouse | .. | .. | .. | * | C. R. Gurnhill | .. | .. | .. | * | |
| 4 | H. Hinchcliffe | .. | .. | .. | 0 | Dr. Storr-Best | .. | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 5 | C. G. Wenyon | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | W. H. Sparkes | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 6 | R. A. Sturgeon | .. | .. | .. | 0 | H. H. Clarke | .. | .. | .. | I | |
| 7 | H. A. Cadman | .. | .. | .. | * | H. D. Rockett | .. | .. | .. | * | |
| 8 | W. D. Foster | .. | .. | .. | 0 | J. Orange | .. | .. | .. | I | |
| 9 | J. Calvert | .. | .. | .. | * | C. North | .. | .. | .. | * | |
| 10 | H. Mellor | .. | .. | .. | * | J. S. Hamer | .. | .. | .. | * | |
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The table of the Davy Trophy Competition (Sheffield Chess League) is as follows :—

| | P. | Matches. | | | | P. | Games. | | | | Pts. |
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| | | W. | L. | D. | | | W. | L. | D. | | |
| Y.M.C.A. | 12 | 9 | 1 | 2 | .. | 96 | 51 | 22 | 23 | 20 | |
| Rotherham | 12 | 9 | 2 | 1 | .. | 98 | 45 | 26 | 27 | 19 | |
| Button Lane | 12 | 6 | 6 | 0 | .. | 96 | 33 | 34 | 29 | 12 | |
| St. Augustine's | 12 | 5 | 6 | 1 | .. | 99 | 36 | 38 | 25 | 11 | |
| Firth Park | 12 | 4 | 7 | 1 | .. | 96 | 32 | 42 | 22 | 9 | |
| Woodseats | 12 | 4 | 8 | 0 | .. | 96 | 27 | 50 | 19 | 8 | |
| West End | 12 | 2 | 9 | 1 | .. | 97 | 27 | 43 | 27 | 5 | |

The table of Division 1 of the Birmingham and District Chess League is as follows :—

| DIVISION I. | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | P. | W. | D. | L. | Pts. | | P. | W. | D. | L. | Pts. |
| King's Norton | 14 | 11 | 3 | 0 | 25 | | | | | | |
| Wolverhampton | 14 | 9 | 1 | 4 | 19 | | | | | | |
| Bohemians | 14 | 8 | 1 | 5 | 17 | | | | | | |
| City | 14 | 7 | 1 | 6 | 15 | | | | | | |
| Municipal | 14 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 12 | | | | | | |
| Erdington | 14 | 5 | 0 | 9 | 10 | | | | | | |
| Y.M.C.A. | 14 | 4 | 0 | 10 | 8 | | | | | | |
| Walsall | 14 | 2 | 2 | 10 | 6 | | | | | | |

The annual chess match between Newcastle and the Teeside Chess Association, played on Saturday, April 5th, at the Headquarters of the Newcastle Chess Club, resulted in the Teeside team being beaten by 10½ points to 7½.

| NEWCASTLE. | | | | | | TEESIDE. | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|-------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|
| 1 E. W. Carmichael | 1 | | | | | J. C. Young | 0 | | | | |
| 2 G. S. Sell | 1 | | | | | E. Parker | 0 | | | | |
| 3 C. W. Fallows | ½ | | | | | S. M. Tonbridge | ½ | | | | |
| 5 Rev. H. R. Barry | 1 | | | | | W. Rogers | 0 | | | | |
| 5 M. Laserson | 1 | | | | | G. A. Peck | 0 | | | | |
| 6 J. G. Gent | 0 | | | | | F. S. Legg | 1 | | | | |
| 7 W. Thompson | 1 | | | | | A. W. Welch | 0 | | | | |
| 8 J. Stringer | 1 | | | | | W. Lloyd | 0 | | | | |
| 9 E. S. Jameson | ½ | | | | | A. F. Robson | ½ | | | | |
| 10 Canon Newsom | ½ | | | | | E. Appleby | ½ | | | | |
| 11 J. Scotland | 0 | | | | | R. Batty | 1 | | | | |
| 12 A. W. P. Tulip | 0 | | | | | W. Stead | 1 | | | | |
| 13 P. Phillips | 0 | | | | | W. W. Braynell | 1 | | | | |
| 14 G. T. Davies | 0 | | | | | J. W. Cwrling | 1 | | | | |
| 15 Hans Zollner | 1 | | | | | W. Thatcher | 0 | | | | |
| 16 T. Smart | 1 | | | | | P. Debenham | 0 | | | | |
| 17 M. Laserson, junr. | 1 | | | | | E. Mitchell | 0 | | | | |
| 18 W. G. Goodall | 0 | | | | | J. Stancliffe | 1 | | | | |
| 10½ | | | | | | 7½ | | | | | |

The championship of the Glasgow Central C.C. has been won by D. M. MacIsaac with the fine score of 8 out of 8. H. J. N. Walsworth, the holder, was second with a score of 6. There were eleven entries and two withdrawals. For the minor championship of the same club

there were ten entries and one withdrawal. A. M. Scott was the winner with the good score of 7. He was closely followed by James Russell and A. R. Weir, 6 points each. The final of the knock-out handicap tourney, for which 18 entered, lay between J. H. Whyte (Class 1) and M. Wallace (Class 4), and the former won.

For the Glasgow C.C. championship there was a tie between Dr. Forrester and D. M. MacIsaac, with 6 each. The other results were W. Gibson $5\frac{1}{2}$, J. H. Whyte 4, A. Murray 3, C. Wardhaugh $2\frac{1}{2}$, H. J. N. Walsworth 2, W. H. Jones $1\frac{1}{2}$.

D. M. MacIsaac, by defeating Dr. Forrester won the championship of the Glasgow Chess Club. As he has also won the championship of the Central C.C. he has the honour of being simultaneously champion of the two leading clubs in the West of Scotland. Long known as one of the finest correspondence players in Scotland—he is acting as captain of the West of Scotland team in the British Counties competition—his success this year stamps him as an over-the-board player of strong first-class calibre. He has twice before tied for the Central C.C. championship and once for that of the Glasgow club, but previously had won neither. Mr. MacIsaac has long been a member of the Central C.C., and two years ago joined the Glasgow Club with the view of increasing his opportunities for first-class practice. As in well known Messrs. Gibson and M. Kee seem for years to have made a private preserve of this championship, and the fact that they were both playing this year proves that Mr. MacIsaac's success was not due to lack of opposition. The winner was warmly congratulated on his double success.

The Robertson Cup, confined to Scottish Ladies' Clubs was won by Glasgow Ladies' Club who beat the Edinburgh Ladies' Club 7—0 in the final.

The first division of the Glasgow League resulted in a narrow win for the Central C.C. Full score:—

| | | | 1 | | 2 | | 3 | | 4 | | 5 | | |
|------------------------|--------------|----|----|----|-----------------|----|-----------------|----|-----------------|----|----------------|----|----------------|
| 1 | Central | .. | .. | .. | — | .. | 0 1 | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ 1 | .. | 1 1 | .. | $6\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 2 | Glasgow | .. | .. | .. | 1 0 | .. | — | .. | $1\frac{1}{2}$ | .. | $1\frac{1}{2}$ | .. | 6 |
| 3 | Bohemians | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ 0 | .. | 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ | .. | — | .. | 1 1 | .. | 5 |
| 4 | Queen's Park | .. | .. | .. | 0 0 | .. | 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ | .. | 0 0 | .. | — | .. | $1\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 5 | Polytechnic | .. | .. | .. | 0 0 | .. | 0 0 | .. | 0 0 | .. | 1 0 | .. | 1 |
| Home and Home Matches. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

The match in the Richardson Cup final (see page 140) resulted in a draw, both games for adjudication being given as drawn—totals $3\frac{1}{2}$ all, so that another tie-match has to be played on April 26th.

The Cheshire Challenge Cup final was played at Altrincham on March 29th. Wilmslow (holders) had a very strong team. The school is to be congratulated upon reaching the final.

| WILMSLOW. | | | | | | ALTRINCHAM C.H.S. FOR BOYS. | | | | | |
|-----------|-----------------|----|----|----|-----------------|-----------------------------|----|----|----|---------------|-----------------|
| 1 | W. A. Fairhurst | .. | .. | .. | 1 | P. N. Wallis | .. | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 2 | M. Sutcliffe | .. | .. | .. | 1 | H. Sutcliffe | .. | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 3 | J. Moore | .. | .. | .. | 1 | L. S. Laver | .. | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 4 | F. Pickup | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | A. J. Gregory | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 5 | A. Smith | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | G. C. Franklyn | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 6 | E. Bowen | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | M. Wiles | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 7 | F. Osborn | .. | .. | .. | 0 | J. P. Angold | .. | .. | .. | 1 | |
| 8 | A. Martindale | .. | .. | .. | 1 | G. Chadwick | .. | .. | .. | 0 | |
| | | | | | <hr/> | | | | | | <hr/> |
| | | | | | 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ | | | | | | 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ |

The championship of the Portsmouth C.C. has been decided last month. During the season eleven games had to be played by the competitors, and the leading scores are :—H. D. Lloyd 10, W. A. Way $9\frac{1}{2}$, A. Hayes $8\frac{1}{2}$, J. S. West $7\frac{1}{2}$. The deciding game was a protracted struggle which lasted $7\frac{1}{2}$ hours between Messrs. Way and West, and resulted in a draw, thus leaving Mr. Lloyd at the head.

Birmingham Post Cup.—The final stage of this contest for the Three Counties championship has now been reached. The holder, H. H. Norman (Wolverhampton) has been knocked out by A. R. Chamberlain, the present champion of the Birmingham C.C., whose opponent in the last round will be C. H. Knight, another well-known member of the same club. He had Mr. Ellis (Selly Oak) for his last opponent, and the latter has done extremely well, as a comparatively new player, to go so far in the competition. His success should be an encouragement to other young players. It is interesting to recall that Mr. Chamberlain's previous successes in the current competition are wins against J. W. Jackson (Municipal C.C.), Dr. Fisher (Atherstone), who plays in the Leicester county team, and K. Henn, a Dudley player, who belongs to the Birmingham C.C. Mr. Knight has beaten three well-known players in Rev. A. P. L. Hulbert, G. B. Conway and M. A. Prentice, all of county standing, and attached to the Birmingham C.C. Another point of interest is that the championship leaves Staffordshire after two seasons, and the contest is between Warwickshire (Chamberlain) and Worcestershire. Mr. Knight has the defence in the first game.

The following is the table of the Hamilton-Russell Cup competition :—

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | T'l. |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1 National Liberal Club | — | 1 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | $5\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 2 Constitutional Club | 0 | — | 1 | 1 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 | 1 | $4\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 3 Royal Automobile Club | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | — | 1 | 1 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 | 4 |
| 4 Junior Constitutional Club | 0 | 0 | — | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 | 1 | $2\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 5 Reform Club | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | 1 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $2\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 6 Athenaeum | 0 | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | 0 | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 |
| 7 Savile Club | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | 1 |

The following are the results of the London Chess League competitions. The fight in both has been keen. In the first division Brixton regained the leadership but went down badly to the holders, Hampstead, who, however, fell an unexpectedly easy prey to Athenaeum (who showed much improved form) and also lost a close match to West London. Forfeits of a point for more than 10 games lost by default deprived Metropolitan of $1\frac{1}{2}$, Lee and Lewisham of $2\frac{1}{2}$, but the remaining clubs were able to keep within the limit permitted. In the third division the results depended on the last match, and a possible tie of 3 clubs with $9\frac{1}{2}$ was quite on the cards, the Battersea II team however rose to the occasion and just secured the verdict by $\frac{1}{2}$ point. Ilford deprived the Central Y.M.C.A., who defeated the winners in both matches, from gaining the coveted honour of being first, but they showed greatly improved form, and we hope it will not be long before they have a team in the first division.

LONDON CHESS LEAGUE. "A" TABLE.

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | |
|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 1 Brixton | — | $5\frac{1}{2}$ | 10 | $12\frac{1}{2}$ | $13\frac{1}{2}$ | $10\frac{1}{2}$ | $11\frac{1}{2}$ | 13 | $12\frac{1}{2}$ | $13\frac{1}{2}$ | 14 | 11 | $12\frac{1}{2}$ | $18\frac{1}{2}$ | $11\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 2 Hampstead | $14\frac{1}{2}$ | — | 9 | 11 | $5\frac{1}{2}$ | $10\frac{1}{2}$ | $12\frac{1}{2}$ | $13\frac{1}{2}$ | 13 | $12\frac{1}{2}$ | $10\frac{1}{2}$ | $18\frac{1}{2}$ | $12\frac{1}{2}$ | $15\frac{1}{2}$ | 11 |
| 3 West London | 10 | 11 | — | $8\frac{1}{2}$ | 10 | 12 | $10\frac{1}{2}$ | 11 | $8\frac{1}{2}$ | $12\frac{1}{2}$ | $14\frac{1}{2}$ | $13\frac{1}{2}$ | 11 | $16\frac{1}{2}$ | 10 |
| 4 North London | 7 | 9 | $11\frac{1}{2}$ | — | $9\frac{1}{2}$ | $11\frac{1}{2}$ | 11 | 10 | 10 | $15\frac{1}{2}$ | 12 | $14\frac{1}{2}$ | 14 | $15\frac{1}{2}$ | 9 |
| 5 Athenaeum | $6\frac{1}{2}$ | $14\frac{1}{2}$ | 10 | $10\frac{1}{2}$ | — | 10 | 9 | $9\frac{1}{2}$ | 10 | $10\frac{1}{2}$ | 11 | 12 | $8\frac{1}{2}$ | 15 | $7\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 6 Battersea | $9\frac{1}{2}$ | $9\frac{1}{2}$ | 8 | $8\frac{1}{2}$ | 10 | — | $9\frac{1}{2}$ | 11 | 12 | $15\frac{1}{2}$ | $14\frac{1}{2}$ | $11\frac{1}{2}$ | 11 | 15 | $7\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 7 Leyton | $8\frac{1}{2}$ | $7\frac{1}{2}$ | $9\frac{1}{2}$ | 9 | 11 | $10\frac{1}{2}$ | — | $11\frac{1}{2}$ | $5\frac{1}{2}$ | 12 | 13 | 10 | $10\frac{1}{2}$ | $12\frac{1}{2}$ | $7\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 8 Ludeagle | 7 | $6\frac{1}{2}$ | 9 | 10 | $10\frac{1}{2}$ | 9 | $8\frac{1}{2}$ | — | $13\frac{1}{2}$ | 11 | 12 | $16\frac{1}{2}$ | 11 | 17 | $7\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 9 Metropolitan | $7\frac{1}{2}$ | 7 | $11\frac{1}{2}$ | 10 | 10 | 8 | $14\frac{1}{2}$ | $6\frac{1}{2}$ | — | 15 | $11\frac{1}{2}$ | $14\frac{1}{2}$ | 13 | 17 | $6\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 10 Wood Green | $6\frac{1}{2}$ | $7\frac{1}{2}$ | $7\frac{1}{2}$ | $4\frac{1}{2}$ | $9\frac{1}{2}$ | $4\frac{1}{2}$ | 8 | 9 | 5 | — | $14\frac{1}{2}$ | $13\frac{1}{2}$ | 11 | $16\frac{1}{2}$ | 4 |
| 11 Bohemians | 6 | $9\frac{1}{2}$ | $5\frac{1}{2}$ | 8 | 9 | $5\frac{1}{2}$ | 7 | 8 | $8\frac{1}{2}$ | $7\frac{1}{2}$ | — | 13 | 11 | $12\frac{1}{2}$ | 3 |
| 12 Islington | 9 | $1\frac{1}{2}$ | $6\frac{1}{2}$ | $5\frac{1}{2}$ | 8 | $8\frac{1}{2}$ | 10 | $3\frac{1}{2}$ | $5\frac{1}{2}$ | 9 | 7 | — | 10 | 9 | 1 |
| 13 Lewisham | $7\frac{1}{2}$ | $7\frac{1}{2}$ | 9 | 6 | $11\frac{1}{2}$ | 9 | $9\frac{1}{2}$ | 9 | 7 | $9\frac{1}{2}$ | 9 | 10 | — | $14\frac{1}{2}$ | *0 |
| 14 Lee | $11\frac{1}{2}$ | $4\frac{1}{2}$ | $3\frac{1}{2}$ | $4\frac{1}{2}$ | 5 | 5 | $7\frac{1}{2}$ | 3 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 11 | $5\frac{1}{2}$ | — | * $1\frac{1}{2}$ |

* After correction for games lost by default.

THIRD DIVISION "C."

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | Pts. |
|----------------------------|-----|-----------------|-----|-----------------|-----|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1 Battersea II | — | 0 0 | 1 1 | 1 1 | 1 1 | 1 1 | 1 1 | 10 |
| 2 Central Y.M.C.A. | 1 1 | — | 0 1 | 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 1 | 1 1 | 1 1 | $9\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 3 Claremont | 0 0 | 1 0 | — | 1 1 | 1 1 | 1 1 | 1 1 | 9 |
| 4 Ilford | 0 0 | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 0 | — | 1 0 | 1 1 | 1 1 | $6\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 5 Hampstead II | 0 0 | 0 0 | 0 0 | 0 1 | — | 1 1 | 1 1 | 5 |
| 6 North London II | 0 0 | 0 0 | 0 0 | 0 0 | 0 0 | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ 1 | $1\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 7 Battleaxe | 0 0 | 0 0 | 0 0 | 0 0 | 0 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ 0 | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ |

The Finchley Chess Club has won the North London League Trophy after a tie with Claremont in the competition. The deciding match was played on April 7th. See scores below. This success of the

Finchley Club is particularly noticeable in view of the fact that they did not win a single match in the competition during the season 1922-23.

| FINCHLEY. | | | | | CLAREMONT. | | | | |
|----------------|-----------------|----|----|---------------|----------------|----|----|----|---------------|
| 1 | G. P. Kitchener | .. | .. | *1 | F. W. Viney | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 2 | E. T. Bangert | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | A. E. Hopkins | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 3 | W. Eldridge | .. | .. | 1 | F. W. Thoma | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 4 | A. E. Sutton | .. | .. | 0 | A. E. Thomas | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| 5 | G. W. Blandford | .. | .. | 0 | H. Newman | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| 6 | W. Lock | .. | .. | 1 | G. T. Jones | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 7 | A. E. Guthrie | .. | .. | 1 | S. Jones | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 8 | C. R. Kemp | .. | .. | 0 | E. Harris | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| $4\frac{1}{2}$ | | | | | $3\frac{1}{2}$ | | | | |

* Adjudicated.

The table of the competition is as follows :—

NORTH LONDON LEAGUE.

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | Won | Lost | P's. |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----|------|------|
| 1 Claremont | — | 5 | $3\frac{1}{2}$ | 6 | $6\frac{1}{2}$ | $7\frac{1}{2}$ | 4 | 1 | 8 |
| 2 Finchley | 3 | — | 7 | $5\frac{1}{2}$ | 5 | $5\frac{1}{2}$ | 4 | 1 | 8 |
| 3 Palmers Green | $4\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 | — | $5\frac{1}{2}$ | $1\frac{1}{2}$ | $5\frac{1}{2}$ | 3 | 2 | 6 |
| 4 Highgate | 2 | $2\frac{1}{2}$ | $2\frac{1}{2}$ | — | $5\frac{1}{2}$ | $4\frac{1}{2}$ | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 Whitefields | $1\frac{1}{2}$ | 3 | $6\frac{1}{2}$ | $2\frac{1}{2}$ | — | 5 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 6 Mildmay Park | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $2\frac{1}{2}$ | $2\frac{1}{2}$ | $3\frac{1}{2}$ | 3 | — | 0 | 5 | 0 |

Finchley beat Claremont by $4\frac{1}{2}$ — $3\frac{1}{2}$ in the play off.

The annual meeting of the North Wales Chess Association was held at Chester on Wednesday, March 26th. Delegates from the following places were present:—Colwyn Bay, Llandudno, Rydal Mount School, Rhos and Wrexham.

The Hon. Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports were read and passed. As the finances of the Association were in a very satisfactory position, it was decided to make no further appeal for contributions to the Central Fund at the present time.

The following were elected to serve for the next season :—president J. B. C. Kershaw, Colwyn Bay ; hon. secretary and treasurer, I. F. Moss, Min-y-Don, North Parade, Llandudno.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks, to the retiring president, R. W. Egerton, J.P. and hon. sec. J. B. C. Kershaw, and the Final match in this year's tournament was then played between Llandudno and Rhos and resulted in a win for the latter club by $5\frac{1}{2}$ to $2\frac{1}{2}$. The Rhos (Wrexham) Club therefore remain in possession of the trophy for another year.

The Ashford (Middlesex) and District Chess Club held its general business meeting on April 14th, at the close of the season. Fifty-six members had paid their annual subscriptions of 5/-, and the balance sheet showed a surplus of £11 15s. od. In the Handicap tournament, for which there were 33 entries, the first and third prizes were won by Class VI players, who received Rook and Knight from Class I, the

second prize being won by a Class II entrant. A small silver cup (engraved) and £1 in books, together with six months' possession of the large silver challenge cup, rewards the winner. Four tied for top place in the championship tournament, and the tie is being played off. There were also two Gambit tournaments, based respectively on the Danish and King's Gambits. Prizes were also awarded for All Round Play and Quick Play, the total value of all prizes being £7 4s. od. Nine sets of loaded and draped chessmen were purchased during the season, which was highly successful financially and in every respect.

Sir George Thomas, the British Chess Champion, paid a visit to the Worcester College for the Blind on Friday, March 28th, and was opposed in simultaneous play by a team of 30, including twenty from the College and ten strong local players.

The champion was somewhat surprised to find that the stiffest opposition came from the boys, of whom three (M. Bates, the College captain, R. Brearley and A. Brace) won and one (M. E. Collett) drew, altogether Sir George lost four, the other winner being R. F. Allen of the Redditch C.C., and drew four.

Vectis Chess Club (Ryde).—The Blakely Silver Trophy for the Island Championship has been won by F. N. Braund of Newport, Rev. W. Evice of Shanklin, obtaining second prize. The first prize in the "B" tournament was obtained by Master A. P. Blakely (son of the hon. secretary) and the second went to A. J. Clark (Newport). In the "C" tournament, F. Rose (Rhyde) was the winner of the first prize and E. Castle secured the second prize. The club has had a very successful 13th season, and all the officers have been re-elected.

A match was played at Bristol on March 29th, between Swindon Juniors and Bristol and District Juniors, all being under 19 years of age, while one of the Bristol players, D. Lampard is only 11. The result was a win for Swindon Juniors by 9½ to 6½.

The Swindon C.C. started a Junior section this season with a view to encouraging boys to take up the classic game. The result was surprising, no less than 40 boys between 14 and 18 joined the Club. Three tournaments were run for them, and five matches arranged, of which two were won, two lost and one drawn.

It is hoped to revive the Wiltshire Chess Association next season, and a Wiltshire Chess League. If this latter is done the boys want to enter.

The Surrey C.C.A. report that Brixton who have won Division I of the London Chess League have won the Surrey Trophy for the fourth year in succession. The Alexandra cup depends on a match between Thames Valley and Battersea. Sutton have won the East

Surrey section of the Beaumont Cup, and Guildford are leading in the West Surrey section. The Waechter Shield rests between Guildford and Byfleet, the holders.

Thames Valley C.C. have won the Alexander Cup Competition by defeating Battersea $5\frac{1}{2}$ — $4\frac{1}{2}$ in the final.

Chelmsford defeated Southend in the Essex Trophy Competition by $4\frac{1}{2}$ to $2\frac{1}{2}$, with one game for adjudication. To establish the right to play the Metropolitan winners, Chelmsford have now to meet Upminster.

Surrey played Essex in the semi-final round of the Southern Counties Chess Championship on Saturday, the 12th April, at the St. Bride Institute, London, and won by 11 games to 6, as follows:

| SURREY. | | | | | ESSEX. | | | | |
|---------|--------------------|----|----|---------------|------------------|----|----|---------------|--|
| 1 | H. B. Uber | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | W. O. Woodfield | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 2 | R. C. J. Walker | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | E. W. Osler | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 3 | R. P. Michell | .. | .. | 1 | B. A. Shaw | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 4 | H. S. Barlow | .. | .. | 1 | F. Nettleton | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 5 | W. Gooding | .. | .. | 1 | E. J. Price | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 6 | H. C. Griffiths | .. | .. | 0 | E. J. Randall | .. | .. | 1 | |
| 7 | W. E. Allnutt | .. | .. | 0 | E. G. Switchett | .. | .. | 1 | |
| 8 | G. A. Felce | .. | .. | 1 | E. J. Gibbs | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 9 | F. F. L. Alexander | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | G. A. Shoobridge | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 10 | J. Butland | .. | .. | 1 | F. J. Whitmarsh | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 11 | B. H. N. Stronach | .. | .. | 1 | W. H. Taylor | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 12 | H. G. Felce | .. | .. | 1 | J. G. Hayes | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 13 | P. J. Allingham | .. | .. | 1 | R. H. Bayley | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 14 | W. L. Brierley | .. | .. | 0 | F. A. Sisley | .. | .. | 1 | |
| 15 | A. J. Spencer | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | Aylmer Maude | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 16 | G. Wernick | .. | .. | 0 | H. Zaak | .. | .. | 1 | |
| 17 | P. W. Rampton | .. | .. | 1 | R. C. Harvey | .. | .. | 0 | |

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As a result of this victory Surrey will meet Somerset in the final, which match will be played at Bath on the 3rd May next.

The S.C.C.U. programme for next season comprises four competitions. The first for the championship, the second for the Montague-Jones Cup—the grouping for these is: (I) Devon *v.* Cornwall, (II) Somerset *v.* Gloucester. The winners to play off on January 24th, 1925. (III) Hampshire *v.* Dorset, (IV) Bedfordshire, Berkshire, Hertfordshire. Winners of A to play winners of B on January 24th, 1925.

The two winners on January 24th, 1925 will meet on March 14th, 1925, for the final of the Montague-Jones Cup, and the winners on that occasion will play the winners of group (V) consisting of Essex, Kent, Middlesex, Surrey and Sussex for the Championship title on April 25th, 1925.

R. H. S. Stevenson is presenting the Union with two shields, one for the 100 a-side Metropolitan Counties Competition for which Kent, Middlesex and Surrey have entered, and the other for the 50 a-side, for which Essex and Sussex in addition are entering.

We cull from the report the fixture list.

1924.

Sept. 27th.—At Hastings, Kent *v.* Sussex, 100 a-side (first 16 boards, S.C.C.U. championship; first 50 boards, M.C.C.).

Oct. 11th.—English Counties' championship, semi-final, Yorkshire *v.* Surrey or Somerset; Kent *v.* Middlesex, at St. Bride's, 16 a-side, S.C.C.U.C.; Herts. *v.* Beds., at Luton, 16 a-side, S.C.C.U.C. and M.J.C.

Oct. 18th.—Annual Meeting, B.C.F.

Oct. 25th.—Surrey *v.* Essex, at St. Bride's, 50 a-side, M.C.C. (first 16 boards, S.C.C.U.C.); Hants *v.* Dorset, in Hants, 16 a-side, S.C.C.U.C. and M.J.C.; Somerset *v.* Gloucester, in Gloucestershire, 16 a-side, S.C.C.U.C. and M.J.C.

Nov. 1st.—Middlesex *v.* Sussex, in Sussex, 50 a-side, M.C.C. (first 16 boards, S.C.C.U.C.); Beds. *v.* Berks, at St. Bride's, 16 a-side, S.C.C.U.C. and M.J.C.

Nov. 8th.—Devon *v.* Cornwall, 16 a-side, S.C.C.U.C.

Nov. 15th.—Kent *v.* Surrey, at Central Hall, Westminster, 100 a-side, M.C.C.

Nov. 29th.—Middlesex *v.* Essex, at St. Bride's, 50 a-side, M.C.C.

Dec. 6th.—Herts. *v.* Beds., at St. Albans, 16 a-side, S.C.C.U. and M.J.C.; Dorset *v.* Hants, in Dorset, 16 a-side, S.C.C.U. and M.J.C.; Gloucester *v.* Somerset, in Somerset, 16 a-side, S.C.C.U.C. and M.J.C.

Dec. 13th.—Final English Counties' championship, Warwickshire *v.* winner of semi-final.

Dec. 20th.—Essex *v.* Kent, at St. Bride's, 16 a-side, S.C.C.U.C.

1925.

Jan. 3rd.—Kent *v.* Surrey, 16 a-side, at St. Bride's, S.C.C.U.C.

Jan. 10th.—Middlesex *v.* Essex, 16 a-side, at St. Bride's, S.C.C.U.C.

Jan. 17th.—Berks. *v.* Herts., 16 a-side, at St. Bride's, S.C.C.U.C. and M.J.C.

Jan. 24th.—Winner Group I *v.* winner Group II, S.C.C.U.C. and M.J.C.; Surrey *v.* Sussex, 50 a-side, at Tunbridge Wells, M.C.C. (first 16 a-side, S.C.C.U.C.)

Jan. 31st.—Middlesex *v.* Kent, 100 a-side, at Central Hall, M.C.C.

Feb. 14th.—Winner Group III *v.* winner Group IV, 16 a-side, S.C.C.U.C. and M.J.C.; Sussex *v.* Essex, 50 a-side, at St. Bride's, M.C.C. (first 16 for S.C.C.U.C.)

Feb. 21st.—Middlesex *v.* Surrey, 16 a-side, at St. Bride's, S.C.C.U.C.

Mar. 7th.—Essex *v.* Kent, 50 a-side, at St. Bride's, M.C.C.

Mar. 14th.—Final, Montague-Jones cup.

April 4th.—Surrey *v.* Middlesex, 100 a-side, at Central Hall, M.C.C.

April 25th.—Final, S.C.C.U. Championship.

All London matches commence at 3 o'clock sharp.

The deciding match for the Weston Trophy between Wadsley Church and Walkley Reform has been won by the former by 5½—2½ after adjudication. The winners are to be heartily congratulated on their success as they are quite a new club, and this year is the first season they have entered.

Newcastle chess players and many others will be glad to congratulate Mr. Louis Zolner on reaching the age of 70. He has been well known to chess players for many years and is an enthusiastic member of the Newcastle Chess Club of which he is a past president. He was a regular member of the Northern Team in the big matches with the South.

He is one of the best known of Newcastle's commercial men and has been the Danish Consul in the city since 1904. He still plays chess regularly and we hope he may have many years still to enjoy the game.

NEWS FROM THE DOMINIONS AND FOREIGN LANDS.

Australia.—*The Australasian* anticipates a most interesting chess year in that part of the world. Not only was Kostich expected about Easter, but the champion of India has intimated a desire to play a match with the Australian champion if such can be arranged. Then there is the Australian championship congress to be held in August at Brisbane. In spite of the distance, both Western and South Australia will probably be represented, and Victoria and New South Wales will certainly have several aspirants competing. Kostich, by the way, left England by the s.s. *Orvieto* on March 29th, after a brief visit to London.

The interstate telegraphic match between New South Wales and Queensland, to which we referred last month, ended, after the adjudication by Mr. F. K. Esling of the nine unfinished games, in a victory for N.S.W. by 9—6.

This year's championship of Victoria has attracted nine entries, including C. G. Watson (holder) and C. G. Steele; but G. Gundersen, so often a winner in the past, has again not entered.

A challenge match for the championship of Western Australia between L. Younkman and J. Sayers has been won by the former by 2—0, with 4 draws.

New Zealand.—With a victory in their telegraphic match against Otago by the narrow margin of 10½—9½, Wellington won the Club championship of New Zealand. They, Auckland and Otago, each scored two match-points during the season (Canterbury, the fourth competitor, being without success); but Wellington's percentage of games won was the best and secured them the title.

South Africa.—It seems unlikely that the proposal to make the time-limit in the forthcoming S.A. championship will be adopted, as the feeling in Johannesburg (where there are two strong chess circles) is against it.

We note the retirement from the conduct of the chess column in *The Rand Daily Mail* of Mrs. M. von Klonowska, after three years' success in the editorial chair. Mrs. von Klonowska, who is of Polish extraction, is one of the very few ladies who has filled such a post, and her departure from Johannesburg is much regretted. The column has been temporarily discontinued.

The Cape Town C.C. has recently celebrated the thirty-ninth anniversary of its foundation, which took place at the St. George's Hotel on March 19th, 1885, with the Rev. D. P. Fauré in the chair, while Dr. W. West-Jones, Bishop of Cape Town was the first president.

Kenya Colony.—The championship of the Colony was won last February by S. Menkin, who in the final round beat J. Gosden 2—0.

The previous holder of the title, Col. Stuart Prince, did not compete, being on leave in Europe.

A visitor to the Nairobi C.C. near the beginning of the year was H. G. Playfair, once of London, and now of California.

British Guiana.—At the fourth annual meeting of the Citizen's C.C., Georgetown, Demerara, it was announced that the membership of the club was 32, and that the credit-balance was \$67. Great efforts are being made to form a West Indian Correspondence Chess Section, affiliated to the B.C.F., and if 20 entries are received a silver cup has been promised, to be competed for by players in the West Indies and British Guiana.

France.—A match between Marseilles and Nice on March 9th, was won by the former, who included in their side G. Renaud, champion of France, and E. Lancel, from Belgium, by a score of $3\frac{1}{2}$ — $1\frac{1}{2}$. This is the first instance, according to *La Stratégie*, of one team of French chessplayers taking a long journey to meet another French team.

The Nice Club later visited Hyères and defeated the locals 5—0, G. Renaud on the top board beating A. J. Maas, whom many of our readers will remember well. Mr. Maas won a little tournament at Hyères, and in the Menton correspondence tournament has so far scored 8 wins, 1 draw, and 2 losses, with 7 games still to finish. He stands a good chance of second prize in the latter event, the probable winner being Dr. Lafora (Valencia).

R. H. V. Scott has been staying in Nice, and won a small tournament there, without loss of a game, drawing 1 game with Renaud, who came out second, 2 points below Scott.

There is talk of holding a tournament at Hyères next season for all the Riviera chess clubs.

In Paris on June 9th—10th a team of ten Dutch players will meet a similar number of French. The match will be followed by a lightning tournament open to all the contestants.

Belgium.—In Brussels on June 7th is to be a match of ten a-side, between Belgium and Holland.

Germany.—The tournament for the championship of Berlin ended on March 21st in a tie between C. Ahues and R. Teichmann, who both scored $5\frac{1}{2}$ points in 8 games. K. Richter was third, with 5. Post, Pahl and Schlage all retired after the beginning, the first-named because he resented some Press criticism on a game he won against Zander.

Kagan urges the desirability of an international masters' tournament in Germany, which would give new German masters like Ahues a chance of winning their spurs in mixed company.

Hungary.—An international masters' tournament is to be held at Győr, August 3rd—24th.

Scandinavia.—After the adjudication of unfinished games in the Northern Chess Week cup matches, the scoring in points was : Göteborg, $56\frac{1}{2}$; Stockholm, $50\frac{1}{2}$; Copenhagen, 45 ; and Skania, 41.

In a match for the Swedish championship G. Nyholm (holder) has lost the first three games to Allan Nilssen (challenger).

Sweden will hold its ninth national championship at Trollhättan in 1925.

An exceptionally strong entry has been obtained for the Göteborg championship for 1924 ; the competitors are as follows : G. Nyholm, A. Larsson, O. Nilsson, J. Ryden, H. Lindgren, K. Robertson, A. Ahlberg, F. Andersson, O. Kinnmark, E. Lundin, E. Lundgren and G. Borgesson.

After the first four rounds Nyholm leads with $3\frac{1}{2}$.

A 100-board match between Kamraterna and Allmänna (both of Stockholm) ended in the favour of the former by $56\frac{1}{2}$ — $43\frac{1}{2}$, although they lost by $3\frac{1}{2}$ — $8\frac{1}{2}$ on the first twelve boards.

The fifteenth congress of the Danish Chess Union will be held at Randers, May 15th—18th.

In two simultaneous exhibitions in Copenhagen, Niemzovitch won 68, drew 6 and lost 10 games.

In a match by telephone between Bergen and Kristiania, the two strongest Norwegian clubs, Bergen won by $2\frac{1}{2}$ — $1\frac{1}{2}$.

Russia.—Besides the individual exhibition games mentioned in our last issue, Dr. Lasker during his visit to Russia played simultaneously in Moscow and Petrograd, his figures being : 114 games played ; 80 won ; 28 drawn ; 6 lost. In the individual games he beat Grigorieff, A. Rabinovitch and Romanovski, and drew with Nenarokoff, E. Rabinovitch and Romanovski.

Argentina.—Through the courtesy of the hon. secretary of the new Argentina Chess Federation we have received a copy of the Statutes of that body, together with copies of the first four numbers of *El Ajedrez Argentino*, their monthly magazine.

We learn that Sr. Damian Reca, winner of the recent Major tournament under the auspices of the Federation, will play a match with Sr. B. H. Villegas, champion of Argentina in 1922, to settle the question who is champion now. It is intended to hold a yearly championship tournament.

English Bar *v.* New York Bar.—This match of two games by correspondence, started in March 1920, has ended in a victory for the English Bar by $1\frac{1}{2}$ — $\frac{1}{2}$. The English players were :—Herbert Jacobs, T. E. Haydon, and E. G. Sergeant (who took the place of W. Ward, unhappily seized by his fatal illness soon after the beginning of the match) ; and the Americans, Messrs. Hymes, Phillips, and Russell. The English Bar, with White, drew against a Centre Counter, and as Black, won a Queen's Gambit Declined—the latter a very fine game.

CHESS FOR BEGINNERS

(Continued from page 155.)

It is a pity that many solvers will not attempt to criticise the problems on the openings, quite half those at present received say that it is beyond them, yet I will be bound that the first book they asked for when they started the game was a book on the openings: what is frequently the usual continuation one decade is quite obsolete the next, so that it is important to study the evolution, and no book that I know of explains the reason for every move, which a real beginner requires, and these problems give them the chance of stating their difficulties, but not by refusing to attempt the solution. The opening moves of Problem 145 were those of a consultation game played in a match between Ludeagle and Oxford University on March 20th. 2 B—B 4 is probably not as strong as 2 Kt—K B 3, but being less often played is more likely to lead to less known lines of play. 2... Kt—K B 3 is considered to be the stronger answer. A favourite continuation half a century ago was 2... B—B 4; 3 P—Q Kt 4, B×P; 4 P—K B 4, P×P, White giving up two Pawns for a hot attack, but 4... P—Q 4 is a counter attack, which is hard to meet. If, in the actual game, 3... Kt—Q B 3, White plays 4 Q—Kt 4 with advantage. After 5 P—B 4, the same position is reached as is frequently done by 1 P—K 4, P—K 4; 2 P—K B 4, B—B 4; 3 Kt—K B 3, P—Q 3; 4 Kt—B 3, Kt—K B 3; 5 P—Q 3. An alternative to 7 Kt—Q R 4 is 7 P—K R 3, but B×Kt; 8 Q×B, Kt—Q 5; 9 Q—Kt 3, Q—K 2!; 10 K—Q 1, P—B 3; 11 R—B 1, R—K Kt 1; 12 P×P, P×P; 13 B—K Kt 5, Castles gives Black good prospects. After 7... B×Kt (in the game) 8 Q×B, which is probably best, Kt—Q 5; 9 Q—Kt 3 (If Q—Q 1, P—Q Kt 4; 10 Kt×B, P×B; 11 B P×P, P×Kt; 12 P×Kt, Q×P is to Black's advantage), Kt×P ch; 10 K—Q 1, Kt×R; 11 Q×Kt P, R—B 1; 12 P×P, Kt—R 4 (if Q—Q 2; 13 Q—Q Kt!); 13 Q—Kt 4, Q—Q 2; 14 Q×Q ch, K×Q; 15 Kt×B ch, P×Kt; 16 P—K Kt 4, Kt—Kt 2; 17 B—R 6, Kt—K 3; 18 B×R, R×B; 19 K—Q 2, Kt—Q 5; 20 R×Kt, Kt—B 6 ch; 21 K—K 3, Kt×K P with an equal game.

8... Kt—K R 4 is undoubtedly best, but probably 13... Q—K 2 was stronger than changing Queens; White won the end-game, though they could not restrain their two Bishops.

146 was from a game played between Treybal and Wolf in the Teplitz Schönau Tournament. The game was continued 22 P—B 6, Q—K 3; 23 Kt—B 5?, P—K Kt 3; 24 Kt—Kt 3, Kt—K 5; 25 Q—Q 2, P—Q R 4; 26 R—B 4, P—R 5; 27 Q R—B 1, P×P; 28 P×P, R—R 7, etc—but White should have played 23 P×P, B×P; 24 B×B, K×B; 25 R—B 4! not Kt—B 5 ch even now.

If 22... Kt×P; 23 R×Kt, P×R; 24 Kt—R 5, B—Kt 2; 25 Q—Kt 3. If 22... P×P; 23 R—B 4, Kt—K 5; 24 Q—K 3, B—Kt 2; 25 Kt—B 5, Q—K 3; 26 Q—K 3, Kt—Kt 3; 27 Kt×B or 24... K—R 2; 25 Kt—B 5, Q—K 3; 26 R—R 4 threatening R×P ch.

147 is solved by 1 Kt—Q 6 ch, Q×Kt; 2 Q—R 6 ch, K×Q; 3 B—B 8 mate. If 2... K—R or Kt 1; 3 Q—B 8 mate. If 1... K—Kt or R 1; 2 Q—Kt 8 ch mate in two, and if 1... P×Kt; 2 Q—B 8 is mate. **148** is a win for White—by 1 R—K 7 ch!, if K×R; 2 P—Kt 6. This was sent me by our Games Editor; and shows the value of Rook's Pawns in endings.

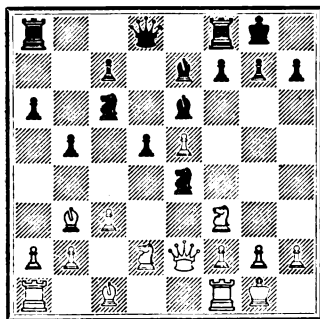
Forty-one solvers sent solutions to Problems No. 141 to 144, and most found them easier than usual. The first two possessed no difficulties, a few did not see the reasons for White's moves in 143, but nearly all got 144 correct, though not always in the neatest way. A. D. C. Amos climbs the ladder for the second time, and his score is now cancelled. The totals are: A. D. C. Amos (1), 319, 5, 5, 5, 4, 338; C. Ellice, 286, 5, 5, 5, 5, 306; Rev. J. B. Bourne (1), 252, 5, 5, 3, 5, 270; "R.W.E.", 239, 5, 5, 3, 5, 257; "G.A.W." (1), 230, 5, 5, 5, 5, 250; C. C. Exell, 255, 5, 5, 5, 5, 245; "N.M." (2), 213, 5, 5, 5, 5, 233; "A.W.T.H.", 195, 5, 2, 3, 3, 208; "H.D.B." (India), (137/140), 192, 1, 3, 4, 2, 202; T. E. Storrs, 170, 5, 5, 2, 3, 185; D. E. Budge (1), 161, 5, 5, 5, 3, 179; "C.P." (1), 164, 5, 5, 1, 3, 178; J. A. Evans (1), 132, 5, 5, 2, 5, 149; "J.W.T.", 128, 5, 5, 2, 5, 145; C. J. Cole (1), 125, 5, 5, 3, 2, 140; A. E. Smith (1), 117, 5, 5, 4, 5, 136; Wm. Skirrow (1), 113, 5, 5, 5, 5, 133; "F.H." (1), 110, 5, 5, 3, 2, 125; C. Skertchley, 78, 5, 5, 2, 5, 95; C. H. Jago, 70, 5, 5, 5, 4, 89; "Tyro" (1), 68, 5, 5, 3, 5, 86; D. R. Langton (1), 63, 5, 5, 5, 5, 83; "Clare," 59, 5, 5, 3, 5, 77; A. Lockley (1), 56, 5, 5, 5, 4, 75; L. Illingworth, 54, 5, 5, 5, 5, 74; "Worton," 55, 5, 5, 2, 5, 72; "M.K.", 51, 5, 5, 3, 3, 67; R. N. Murray, 49, 5, 5, 3, 4, 66; J. C. Derlien, 47, 5, 5, 5, 4, 66; H. M. Baldrey (1), 48, 5, 5, 3, —, 61; A. G. Allen (2), 44, 5, 5, 3, 4, 61; "Tutankhamen," 50, 5, 5, —, —, 60; C. G. Caldecott, 27, 5, 5, 2, 2, 41; "Moseley" (1), 17, 5, 5, 5, 4, 36; F. M. Reade (1), 14, 5, 5, 5, 5, 34; "Beta," —, 5, 5, 5, 3, 18; "J.E.D.", —, 5, 5, 3, 5, 18; Merx, —, 5, 5, 3, 5, 18; R. Mathieson (1) —, 5, 5, 3, 5, 18; J. U. James, —, 5, 2, 3, 5, 15; C. Evans, —, 5, 5, 1, 1, 12.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.—I am glad to welcome three or four newcomers this month, and a return of two or three, who had been regular solvers till recently. "J.W.T."—Your solutions were unsigned (March problems) but I traced it by address. Fawcett Newell.—Very glad to welcome you, and thanks for your kind remarks. L. Illingworth.—Hope you will be able to continue, despite pressure. We shall want some more of your excellent honey, when possible. "G.A.W."—No, not much details, variations as a rule to four or five moves. H. M. Baldrey.—144 was Black to play not White. C. Evans.—Answers to such problems as 143 and 144 want more elaboration than a key-move. See solutions given last month.

Problem No. 149 is arrived at by 1 P—K 4, P—K 4; 2 Kt—K B 3, Kt—Q B 3; 3 B—Kt 5, P—Q R 3; 4 B—R 4, Kt—B 3; 5 Castles, Kt×P; 6 P—Q 4, P—Q Kt 4; 7 B—Kt 3, P—Q 4; 8 P×P, B—K 3; 9 P—B 3, B—K 2; 10 Q Kt—Q 2, Castles; 11 Q—K 2.

Problem No. 149.

BLACK (15 pieces)



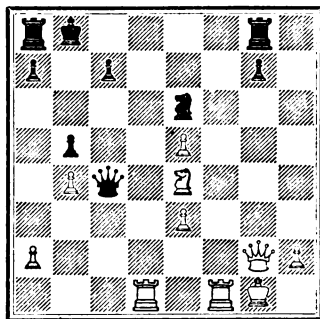
WHITE (15 pieces)

Black to move.

What is Black's best continuation?

Problem No. 150.

BLACK (9 pieces)



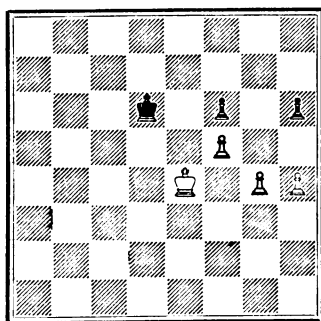
WHITE (10 pieces)

White to play.

How should he continue?

Problem No. 151.

BLACK (3 pieces)



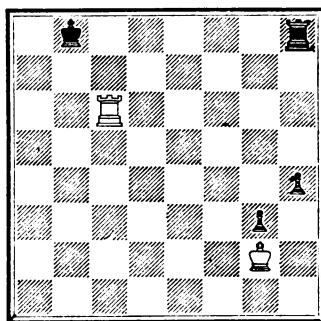
WHITE (4 pieces)

White to play.

What result and how?

Problem No. 152.

BLACK (4 pieces)



WHITE (2 pieces)

White to play.

What result and how?

Solutions to be sent to R. C. Griffith, 18 Wedderburn Road, London, N.W.3, by April 30th, 1924.

Chess at Sea.—We are delighted to hear from the Rev. A. H. Pollen, H.M.S. *Warspite* (First Battle Squadron), which reached Devonport last month, that there are no less than 30 chess players on board, and that several competitions have been held. "The endings in some of the competition games have been quite creditably played. A great interest is shown in master-play, and the reported games are followed with avidity." This is very good news.

GAME DEPARTMENT

GAME NO. 5,218.

Played at the Franklin Chess Club, Philadelphia. Notes by J. H. Blake.

Ruy Lopez.

WHITE
W. P. SHIPLEY and
S. T. SHARP, in consultation

BLACK
A. ALEKHINE

1 P—K 4
2 Kt—K B 3
3 B—Kt 5
4 B—R 4
5 Castles

.....See Game No. 4,990 (Yates v. Alekhine), *B.C.M.*, November, 1922 as to this line of defence.

6 Kt×P 6 Kt×Kt

.....An improvement upon 6..., Kt×P as given by Möller.

7 P—Q 4
8 Q—K 2
9 Q×Kt
10 P—K B 4

7 Kt×P
8 B—K 2
9 Kt—Kt 3

Certainly very tempting, as it appears on the surface that the Black Knight must be driven in to K R 1, with no prospect of emerging except at a cost in position. Nevertheless the sequel shows that the attack was no well judged, and that a simple development line such as 10 Kt—B 3, Castles; 11 B—Q 2 yielded much better prospects.

10 Castles
11 P—Q 4

11 P—B 5
12 Q—Q 3

(See diagram)

12 Kt—R 5!

.....A bold and fearless stroke which probably surprised the allies.

13 B—K 3

If now 13 P—K Kt 3 the *American Chess Bulletin* gives the following as the intended contin-

uation:—13 P—K Kt 3, P—B 4 (threatening .., P—B 5 and .., P—Q Kt 4); 14 P×P, Q—R 4; 15 B—Kt 3 (15 Kt—B 3, P—Q 5!), B×P ch; 16 K—R 1, Kt×P; 17 R×Kt, B×R; 18 Q×B, Q—K 8 ch and wins. Better than the text-move was 13 P—B 3, intending to follow with B—B 2, and keeping open the possibility of P—K Kt 3 later.

13 B—Kt 4

14 P—B 6

The alternative is 14 P—K Kt 4; Black can then proceed quietly by 14 P—R 3, or forcibly by 14..., P—K Kt 3. In the former case White will still be unable to develop his Knight at Q B 3 owing to the reply .., P—B 4.

14 B×P

15 B—Kt 4

15 P—B 3

16 B—Q B 2

16 Kt—R 3, B—B 4; 17 Q—Q 2, B×B ch; 18 Q×B, B—K 5 is not calculated to yield any greater satisfaction. The rest is an example of precise end-game play on Black's part.

16 B—B 4

17 B×B

18 Q—Kt 3

19 P×Q

20 P×Kt

21 Kt—Q 2

22 R—B 2

23 Q R—K B 1

24 R×R

25 R—B 2

26 K—R 2

27 Kt—B 3

28 R×R

29 Kt—K 1

30 K—Kt 3

31 K—B 4

17 Q×B

18 Q×Q

19 B×B

20 K R—K 1

21 R—K 7

22 Q R—K 1

23 B—Q 6

24 R×R

25 R—K 8 ch

26 P—K B 3

27 R—K 7

28 B×R

29 K—B 2

30 K—K 3

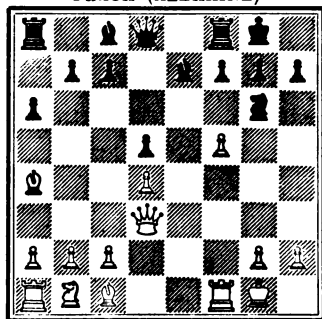
31 P—R 3

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| 32 P—K Kt 3 | 32 P—Kt 4 ch |
| 33 K—K 3 | 33 B—Kt 4 |
| 34 P×P | 34 R P×P |
| 35 P—K Kt 4 | 35 P—Kt 3 |
| 36 Kt—B 3 | 36 B—K 1 |
| 37 K—B 2 | 37 B—Kt 3 |
| 38 Kt—Q 2 | 38 B—B 7 |
| 39 Kt—B 1 | 39 B—Kt 8 |
| 40 P—R 3 | 40 P—K B 4 |
| 41 K—Kt 3 | 41 B—Q 6 |
| 42 Kt—Q 2 | 42 B—K 7 |
| 43 P×P ch | 43 K×P |
| 44 K—B 2 | 44 B—Q 8 |
| 45 K—K 3 | 45 K—Kt 5 |
| 46 Kt—B 1 | 46 P—R 4 |
| 47 K—Q 2 | 47 B—B 6 |
| 48 K—K 3 | 48 B—Kt 7 |
| 49 Kt—Q 2 | 49 K—R 6 |
| 50 P—B 4 | 50 P—Kt 5 |

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| 51 P×P | 51 P—Kt 6 |
| 52 Kt—B 4 | 52 B×P |
| 53 Kt—K 5 | 53 P—Kt 7 |
| 54 Resigns | |

Position after 12 Q—Q 3.

BLACK (ALEKHINE)



WHITE (ALLIES)

GAME No. 5,219.

Played in a simultaneous exhibition at the Newspaper Club of New York. Notes by J. H. Blake.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

| WHITE | BLACK |
|-------------|------------|
| A. ALEKHINE | L. KUSSMAN |
| 1 P—Q 4 | 1 P—Q 4 |
| 2 Kt—K B 3 | 2 Kt—K B 3 |
| 3 P—B 4 | 3 P—K 3 |
| 4 Kt—B 3 | 4 P—B 4 |
| 5 B P×P | 5 K P×P |
| 6 B—Kt 5 | |

This has been represented as a departure from Schlechter's variation beginning 6 P—K Kt 3, but that is not quite correct, as Schlechter's line arises from Black playing out the Queen's before the King's Knight (of course after ... P—Q B 4). With the Black King's Knight already out 6 B—Kt 5 is naturally a more attacking line, and is the recognised procedure.

6 B—K 3

.....The *Handbuch* gives as best 6... B—K 2, with the continuation 7 P×P, B—K 3; 8 P—K 4, Castles, and Black, in a game between Marshall and Rubin-

stein at Lodz, 1908, obtained equality.

7 B×Kt

Here the *Handbuch* gives 7 P—K 4, P×Q P; 8 B—Kt 5 ch, Q Kt—Q 2; 9 K Kt×P, B—Q Kt 5; 10 P—K 5, P—K R 3; 11 P×Kt, B×Kt ch; 12 P×B, P×B; 13 Kt×B, P×Kt; 14 P×P, K R—Kt 1; 15 Q—R 5 ch with advantage to White (Marshall v. E. Cohn, Nürnberg, 1906).

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|-------------|---------|
| 8 P—K 4 | 7 Q×B |
| 9 B—Kt 5 ch | 8 P×K P |
| | 9 B—Q 2 |

.....Black fears to lose a Pawn, but in such a position time is more precious, and the example from Rubinstein's play already quoted goes to show that the Pawn should be risked. 9 Kt—Q 2 was called for.

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| 10 Kt×P | 10 Q—Q Kt 3 |
| 11 B×B ch | 11 Kt×B |
| 12 Castles | 12 P×P |
| 13 Kt×P | 13 R—Q 1 |

14 Kt—K B 5 14 Kt—K 4
15 Q—K 2 15 P—Kt 3

.....Blissfully ignorant of the opportunity he is providing. 15... Q—K 3 is necessary.

(See diagram)

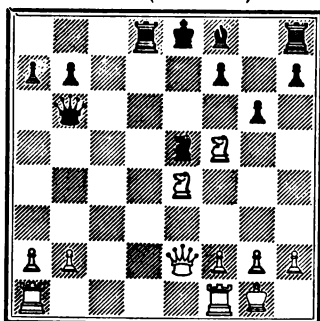
16 Q—Kt 5 ch! 16 Kt—Q 2
17 K R—K 1! 17 B—Kt 5
18 Kt—B 6 ch 18 K—B 1
19 Kt×Kt ch 19 R×Kt
20 Q—K 5

Threatening mate on the move in no less than three places!

20 Resigns

Position after 15... P—Kt 3.

BLACK (KUSSMAN)



WHITE (ALEKHINE)

GAME No. 5,220.

Played in the Championship Tournament of the Manhattan Chess Club. Notes by J. H. Blake.

French Defence.

WHITE
M. A. SCHAPIRO.

BLACK
O. TENNER

1 P—K 4 1 P—K 3
2 P—Q 4 2 P—Q 4
3 Kt—Q B 3 3 Kt—K B 3
4 B—Kt 5 4 B—Kt 5
5 P—K 5 5 P—K R 3
6 B—Q 2 6 B×Kt
7 P×B 7 Kt—K 5
8 Q—Kt 4 8 K—B 1

.....8... P—K Kt 3 is regarded as much better.

9 Kt—B 3

Because White could now play 9 B—B 1, P—Q B 4; 10 B—Q 3 effectively.

10 B—Q 3 9 P—Q B 4
 10 P—B 4

.....Leading to so serious a weakening of his King's front as to give White a marked advantage. 10... Kt×B was the right course; the spared piece becomes a deadly weapon later on.

11 P×P e.p. 11 Kt×P at B 3
12 Q—R 4 12 Kt—B 3
13 Kt—K 5 13 R—K Kt 1

14 Castles 14 P—B 5

.....There is actually nothing better available then ... B—Q 2

15 B—Kt 6 15 Kt—Q 2

.....If 15... Kt—K 2; 16 B×P! 15... B—Q 2 is still playable as the combination by 16 B×P, P×B; 17 Q×Kt ch, Q×Q; 18 Kt×B ch, K—K 2; 19 Kt×Q, K×Kt is unfavourable to White.

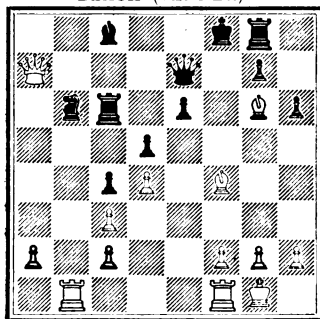
16 Q—B 4 ch 16 Q—B 3
17 Kt×Q Kt! 17 P×Kt
18 Q—Q 6 ch 18 Q—K 2
19 Q×B P 19 Kt—Kt 3
20 B—B 4 20 B—Q 2
21 Q—B 7 21 R—B 1
22 Q×R P 22 R—B 3
23 Q R—Kt 1 23 B—B 1

.....23... B—K 1 was relatively better, but still left White a won game by 24 Q×Kt, R×Q; 25 R×R with 26 B—Q 6 to follow. More promising was 23... Kt—B 1; 24 Q—Kt 8, Q—B 3; but after 25 R—Kt 7, Q×K B (not ... B—K 1 because 26 Q×Kt is deadly); 26 R×B, White should win.

Position after 23... B-B 1.

24 R×Kt

BLACK (TENNER)



WHITE (SCHAPIO)

Very pretty; but still better was 24 Q×Kt! If 24... R×Q; 25 R×R and 26 B-Q 6 comes out with a clear Rook to the good. Or if 24... Q-Q 2; 25 Q-Kt 4 ch, Q-K 2; 26 Q-R 4, B-Q 2 or Kt 2; 27 Q×R, B×Q; 28 R-Kt 8 ch, B-K 1; 29 B-Q 6! and wins.

24 Q×Q
25 R×R 25 K-K 2
26 R-B 7 ch 26 Q×R
27 B×Q and wins

GAME No. 5,221.

Played in the first round of the New York International Tournament. Notes by J. H. Blake.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

| WHITE | BLACK |
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| D. JANOWSKI. | J. R. CAPABLANCA |
| 1 P-Q 4 | 1 P-Q 4 |
| 2 Kt-K B 3 | 2 Kt-K B 3 |
| 3 P-B 4 | 3 P-K 3 |
| 4 Kt-B 3 | 4 B-K 2 |
| 5 B-Kt 5 | 5 Castles |
| 6 P-K 3 | 6 Q Kt-Q 2 |
| 7 R-B 1 | 7 P-B 3 |
| 8 B-Q 3 | 8 P×P |
| 9 B×P | 9 Kt-Q 4 |
| 10 P-K R 4 | |

Attributed as a novelty to Janowski, but it is a move already practised in similar variations of other openings (e.g., the *French Defence*). If it should stand the test of practice it will lead to Black playing 9... P-K R 3 before ... Kt-Q 4.

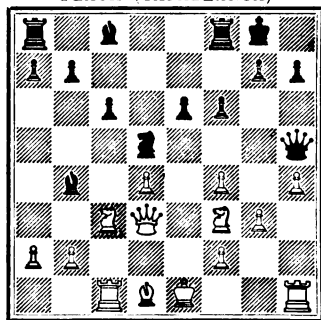
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| 11 B-B 4 | 10 P-B 3 |
| 12 P×Kt | 11 Kt×B |
| 13 B-Kt 3 | 12 Kt-Kt 3 |
| 14 P-Kt 3 | 13 Kt-Q 4 |
| 15 Q-Q 3? | 14 Q-K 1 |

15 P-R 5 is a more attacking continuation, cramping to Black. The text-move has an inherent

weakness which is brought into strong relief a few moves later, and one which it is surprising that a master of Janowski's experience should have missed.

15 Q-R 4
16 B-Q 1 16 B-Kt 5
Position after 16... B-Kt 5.

BLACK (CAPABLANCA)



WHITE (JANOWSKI)

17 Castles

The logical consequence of his last two moves was 17 Kt-Kt 5. If 17... Q-R 3; 18 B-B 3!, and the capture of the Knight would yield White a very dangerous attack; and if 17... Q-Kt 3;

18 Q×Q, P×Q; 19 Kt—K 4, White has still a fine game. Black, keenly alive to the dangers of his position, seizes upon the opportunity presented by the text-move of offering a draw.

strong enough to compensate for the Pawn just taken. He cannot evade the draw by 20 K—R 2 owing to an unsupported Queen's Rook, nor by 21 Kt—R 2 owing to an unsupported Queen—the effect of his 15th move, and a homily in itself on the subject of loose pieces.

17 B×Kt
18 P×B
18 Kt×K B P!
19 P×Kt

19 Q—Kt 5 ch
20 K—R 1
20 Q—R 6 ch
21 K—Kt 1
21 Q—Kt 5 ch
and draws by perpetual check

Which White would do wrong to refuse, as his attack is no longer

GAME NO. 5,222.

Played in the first round of the same Tournament. Notes by J. H. Blake.

Ruy Lopez.

| WHITE | BLACK |
|-------------|-------------|
| F. D. YATES | A. ALEKHINE |
| 1 P—K 4 | 1 P—K 4 |
| 2 Kt—K B 3 | 2 Kt—Q B 3 |
| 3 B—Kt 5 | 3 P—Q R 3 |
| 4 B—R 4 | 4 P—Q 3 |

of this necessity lands White in difficulties from which he never emerges.

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| 13 P—K B 4! |
| 14 P—K R 3 |
| 14 B—R 4 |
| 15 B—Kt 3 ch |
| 15 K—R 1 |
| 16 P×P |
| 16 P×P |
| 17 P—Kt 4 |

..... Varying his defence. See the first game of the present issue; also the previous game between the present opponents quoted in the first note.

A desperate remedy!

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| 5 Castles | 5 B—Q 2 |
| 6 P—B 3 | 6 P—K Kt 3 |
| 7 P—Q 4 | 7 B—Kt 2 |
| 8 B—K Kt 5 | |

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| 17 P×P |
| 18 Kt—K 1 |
| 18 Kt—Q 4 |
| 19 P×P |

19 B×Kt, Q×B; 20 P×P, B—Kt 3; 21 P—Q B 4 would hold the game together a little better.

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| 19 Kt×B |
| 20 P×Kt |
| 20 Q—Kt 4 |
| 21 B—K 6 |

Leading to the embarrassment of this Bishop later. 8 P×P or 8 Kt—R 3 would be better.

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| 9 P×P | 8 K Kt—K 2 |
| 10 Q—Q 3 | 9 P×P |

Entailing the loss of a move presently. There is still nothing better than 10 Kt—R 3. 10 Q Kt—Q 2 leads to 10... P—K R 3; 11 B—K 3?, P—B 4!

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| 10 P—K R 3 |
| 11 B—K 3 |
| 11 B—Kt 5 |
| 12 Q—K 2 |
| 12 Castles |
| 13 Q Kt—Q 2 |

Here it was indispensable to release the pin by challenging Black's Bishop; the postponement, though for one move only,



WHITE (YATES)

- 22 Q×B
23 K—R 1
24 K R—Kt 1
25 Q—R 3
26 B—Q 5
27 B—K 4
28 Kt—B 3
- 21 B×P!
22 Q×P ch
23 Q×Kt
24 Q—Kt 4
25 Q—B 3
26 Kt—K 2
27 Kt—B 4

The Knight could better go to Q 3, but it would only prolong a

foregone conclusion. The text move loses a piece.

- 28 Kt—Q 3
29 P—B 3
30 K×R
31 K—R 1
32 P×B
33 Kt—K 5
34 K—R 2
35 Kt—Kt 6 ch
- 29 B—Q 5
30 R×B
31 R—Kt 1 ch
32 Kt×P
33 Q—R 5
34 Kt—Kt 6 ch
35 Q×P
36 Resigns

GAME NO. 5,223.

Played in the second round of the same Tournament. Notes by J. H. Blake.

Alekhine's Defence.

WHITE
G. MAROCZY

- 1 P—K 4
2 P—Q 3
3 P—K B 4

BLACK
A. ALEKHINE

- 1 Kt—K B 3
2 P—K 4

Transposing into the *King's Gambit Declined*, 2..., Kt—K B 3 variation—a dubious policy, as the move 2 P—Q 3 is more suitable for playing a defensive type of game with a move to the good.

- 3 Kt—B 3

.....A game between Walbrodt and Alapin (Berlin, 1897) was continued 3..., P—Q 4; 4 P×K P, Kt—Kt 5; 5 P×P, Q×P; 6 Kt—K B 3.

- 4 Kt—K B 3

4 Kt—Q B 3, P—Q 4 transposes into a variation of the *Vienna Opening*, considered favourable to Black.

- 4 P—Q 4

- 5 P×Q P

Giving Black a very free game; but 5 P×K P, P×P; 6 P×Kt, P×Kt is also uncomfortable for White.

- 6 P×P

- 5 Kt×P
6 B—K Kt 5

- 7 B—K 2
8 B×B
9 K—B 1?
- 7 B×Kt
8 Q—R 5 ch

After 9 P—K Kt 3, Q—Q 5; 10 P—B 3, Q×K P ch; 11 Q—K 2, Castles, it may be allowed that White has an uneasy game; nevertheless it is more defensible than after this compromising move.

- 9 Castles
10 Kt—B 3
11 Kt—K 4
12 B×Kt
13 Q—K 1
- 10 B—B 4
11 Kt—K 6 ch
12 B×B

13 B—Kt 4 ch, K—Kt 1; 14 P—K Kt 3 seems to offer prospects of extrication; but the subsequent advance of Black's King's side Pawns will be facilitated.

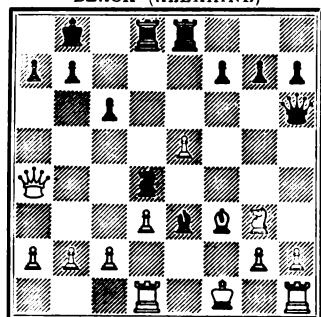
- 14 Kt—Kt 3
- 13 Q—R 3

.....14 R—Q 1 would forestall ... Kt—Q 5, as the reply would be 15 P—B 3; Black would probably be content with 14... Kt×P and 15... K R—K 1.

- 15 Q—Kt 4
16 Q—R 4
17 R—Q 1
- 14 Kt—Q 5
15 P—Q B 3
16 K—Kt 1
17 K R—K 1

Position after 17... K R—K 1.

BLACK (ALEKHINE)



WHITE (MAROCZY)

18 P—R 4

19 R—R 3

20 Kt—R 5

18 Q—B 5

19 P—Q Kt 4

For if 20 Q—Kt 4, P—Q R 4!
There is no saving move. A
finished example of effective attack
without violent methods.

21 Kt×Q

22 P—B 3

23 R×Kt

24 R×P

25 Resigns

20 P×Q

21 B×Kt

22 Kt×B

23 B×P

24 R—K B 1

The following games were also played in the New York International Tournament.

GAME No. 5,224.—Played in the first round. *King's Bishop's Gambit (Limited)*. White: Dr. S. TARTAKOVER. Black: E. D. BOGOLJUBOW.

1 P—K 4, P—K 4; 2 P—K B 4, P×P; 3 B—K 2, P—Q 4;
4 P×P, Kt—K B 3; 5 P—Q B 4, P—Q B 3; 6 P—Q 4, P×P;
7 B×P, P×P; 8 B×P, B—Kt 5 ch; 9 Kt—B 3, Castles; 10 Kt—
K 2, B—Kt 5; 11 Castles, Q Kt—Q 2; 12 Q—Kt 3, B×Q Kt;
13 P×B, Kt—Kt 3; 14 B—Q 3, K Kt—Q 4; 15 B—Q 2, B×Kt;
16 B×B, R—B 1; 17 R—B 3, Q—B 2; 18 Q R—K B 1, P—B 3;
19 B—Q 3, Kt—Q B 5; 20 R—R 3, P—K Kt 3; 21 R—K 1, Kt×B;
22 Q×Kt ch, Q—B 2; 23 Q×Q ch, R×Q; 24 R—K 2, Kt—B 5;
25 R—K 8 ch, R×R; 26 B×Kt, P—K R 4; 27 K—B 2, R—Q B 1;
28 B×R ch, K×B; 29 R—K 3, P—Q Kt 4; 30 K—K 2, R—B 3;
31 K—Q 3, P—R 5; 32 R—K 2, P—Kt 4; 33 R—Kt 2, R—Kt 3;
34 P—Q 5, K—K 2; 35 K—Q 4, P—K Kt 5; 36 K—B 5, R—Kt 1;
37 K—Q 4, R—Kt 3; 38 P—K R 3, P—Kt 6; 39 P—R 3, K—Q 2;
40 K—B 5, R—Kt 1; 41 R—Kt 4, P—B 4; 42 P—Q R 4, P—Q R 3;
43 K—Q 4, R—K 1; 44 K—Q 3, P×P; 45 R×P, R—K 8; 46
R×Q R P, R—K Kt 8; 47 R—R 2, K—Q 3; 48 P—B 4, K—K 4;
49 R—K 2 ch, K—Q 3; 50 R—Q B 2, K—B 4; 51 R—Q 2, R—K B 8;
52 K—K 2, R—K Kt 8; 53 K—K 3, K—Q 3; 54 P—B 5 ch, K×P;
55 P—Q 6, R—K 8 ch; 56 K—B 4, R—K 1; 57 P—Q 7, R—Q 1;
58 K×P, Resigns.

GAME No. 5,225.—Played in the second round. *Ruy Lopez*. White: Dr. E. LASKER. Black: J. R. CAPABLANCA.

1 P—K 4, P—K 4; 2 Kt—K B 3, Kt—Q B 3; 3 B—Kt 5,
P—Q 3; 4 P—Q 4, B—Q 2; 5 Kt—B 3, Kt—B 3; 6 Castles, P×P;
7 Kt×P, B—K 2; 8 P—Q Kt 3, Kt×Kt; 9 Q×Kt, B×B; 10
Kt×B, Kt—Q 2; 11 B—R 3, P—Q R 3; 12 Kt—B 3, B—B 3;

13 Q—K 3, Castles ; 14 Q R—Q 1, B×Kt ; 15 Q×B, R—K 1 ; 16 K R—K 1, R—Q B 1 ; 17 Q—R 3, Kt—K 4 ; 18 B—Kt 2, Q—Kt 4 ; 19 Q—Kt 3, Q×Q ; 20 R P×Q, P—K B 3 ; 21 P—K B 3, K—B 2 ; 22 P—K Kt 4, P—K R 3 ; 23 R—K 2, Kt—B 3 ; 24 K—B 2, R—K 2 ; 25 B—B 3, P—Q R 4 ; 26 R—Q 5, P—Q Kt 3 ; 27 P—Q R 4, R—K 3 ; 28 R—Q 1, Q R—K 1 ; 29 K R—Q 2, K—K 2 ; 30 K—K 3, K—Q 2. Drawn.

GAME NO. 5,226.—Played in the second round. *Philidor's Defence*
White : ED. LASKER. Black : E. D. BOGOLJUBOW.

1 P—K 4, P—K 4 ; 2 Kt—K B 3, P—Q 3 ; 3 P—Q 4, Kt—K B 3 ; 4 Kt—B 3, Q Kt—Q 2 ; 5 B—Q B 4, B—K 2 ; 6 Castles, Castles ; 7 B—K Kt 5, P—B 3 ; 8 B—Kt 3, P—K R 3 ; 9 B—K R 4, R—K 1 ; 10 Q—Q 3, Kt—R 4 ; 11 Q—B 4, R—B 1 ; 12 B×B, Q×B ; 13 Kt—K 2, P—R 4 ; 14 Q—B 3, P—R 5 ; 15 B—B 4, P—Q Kt 4 ; 16 B—Q 3, B—Kt 2 ; 17 P×P, P×P ; 18 Q R—Q 1, K R—K 1 ; 19 Kt—Kt 3, Kt×Kt ; 20 R P×Kt, Kt—B 3 ; 21 Kt—R 4, P—Kt 3 ; 22 Q—Q 2, K—Kt 2 ; 23 Q—K 3, Kt—Kt 5 ; 24 Q—Q 2, Q—B 4 ; 25 B—K 2, Kt—B 3 ; 26 B—Q 3, Q R—Q 1 ; 27 Q—K 2, B—B 1 ; 28 K—R 1, B—Kt 5 ; 29 P—K B 3, B—K 3 ; 30 P—R 3, R—K 2 ; 31 Q R—K 1, Q—Q 5 ; 32 Q—B 2, Q×Kt P ; 33 Q—B 5, R—B 2 ; 34 R—Q Kt 1, Q—Q 5 ; 35 R×P, P—Kt 4 ; 36 Kt—B 5 ch, B×Kt ; 37 P×B, Kt—R 4 ; 38 R—K 1, Kt×P ch ; 39 K—R 2, Q—R 5 ch ; 40 K—Kt 1, P—B 3 ; 41 R×P, P×K R ; 42 Q×P ch, K—Kt 1 ; 43 R—Kt 4, Q—R 8 ch ; 44 K—B 2, R—K B 2 ; 45 R—Kt 8, R×R ; 46 Q×R ch, K—Kt 2 ; 47 Q—K 5 ch, K—B 1 ; 48 Q—Kt 8 ch, K—Kt 2 ; 49 Q—K 5 ch, K—B 1 ; 50 Q—Kt 8 ch, K—Kt 2 ; 51 Q—K 5 ch. Drawn.

GAME NO. 5,227.—Played in the third round. *Queen's Gambit Declined*. White : A. ALEKHINE. Black : DR. E. LASKER.

1 P—Q 4, P—Q 4 ; 2 P—Q B 4, P—K 3 ; 3 K Kt—B 3, K Kt—B 3 ; 4 Kt—B 3, Q Kt—Q 2 ; 5 P×P?, P×P ; 6 B—B 4, P—B 3 ; 7 P—K 3, Kt—R 4 ; 8 B—Q 3, Kt×B ; 9 P×Kt, B—Q 3 ; 10 P—K Kt 3, Castles ; 11 Castles, R—K 1 ; 12 Q—B 2, Kt—B 1 ; 13 Kt—Q 1, P—B 3 ; 14 Kt—K 3, B—K 3 ; 15 Kt—R 4, B—Q B 2 ; 16 P—Q Kt 4, B—Kt 3 ; 17 Kt—B 3, B—K B 2 ; 18 P—Kt 5, B—K R 4 ; 19 P—Kt 4, B—K B 2 ; 20 P×P, R—B 1 ; 21 Q—Kt 2, P×P ; 22 P—B 5, Q—Q 3 ; 23 Kt—Kt 2, B—B 2 ; 24 K R—K 1, P—K R 4 ; 25 P—K R 3, Kt—R 2 ; 26 R×R ch, R×R ; 27 R—K 1, R—Kt 1 ; 28 Q—B 1, Kt—Kt 4 ; 29 Kt—K 5, P×Kt ; 30 Q×Kt, P—K 5 ; 31 P—B 6, P—Kt 3 ; 32 P—B 4, P×Kt P ; 33 B—K 2, P×P ; 34 B—R 5, R—Kt 7 ! ; 35 Kt—R 4, Q×P at B 5 ; 36 Q×Q, B×Q ; 37 Resigns.

GAME NO. 5,228.—Played in the third round. *Irregular Opening*. White : R. RETI. Black : G. MAROCZY.

1 Kt—K B 3, P—Q B 4 ; 2 P—K Kt 3, Kt—Q B 3 ; 3 B—Kt 2, P—K Kt 3 ; 4 P—B 4, B—Kt 2 ; 5 Kt—B 3, P—Q 3 ; 6 P—Q 3,

B—Q 2; 7 Castles, R—Kt 1; 8 B—K 3, Kt—Q 5; 9 Q—Q 2, P—KR 4; 10 Q R—Kt 1, B—Q B 3; 11 P—Q Kt 4, Kt×Kt ch; 12 P×Kt, P—Kt 3; 13 P—Q 4, P×Q P; 14 B×P, Kt—B 3; 15 Kt—Q 5, Castles; 16 Kt×Kt ch, P×Kt; 17 B—K 3, Q—Q 2; 18 K R—Q 1, Q R—Q 1; 19 P—Kt 5, B—Q R 1; 20 P—B 5, Kt P×P; 21 B×P, K R—K 1; 22 Q—R 5, Q—B 4; 23 B×R P, B×P; 24 B×B, Q×B; 25 P—Kt 6, P—R 5; 26 R—Q 4, R—K 4; 27 Q—R 6, P×P; 28 R P×P, R—K R 4; 29 R—K R 4, R×R; 30 P×R, Q—Kt 5 ch; 31 K—B 1, Q—R 6 ch; 32 K—Kt 1, Q—Kt 5 ch, and draws by perpetual check.

GAME No. 5,229.—Played in the third round. *King's Bishop's Gambit (Limited)*. White: Dr. S. TARTAKOVER. Black: F. D. YATES.

1 P—K 4, P—K 4; 2 P—K B 4, P×P; 3 B—K 2, Kt—Q B 3; 4 P—Q 4, P—Q 4; 5 P×P, Q×P; 6 Kt—K B 3, B—K Kt 5; 7 Kt—B 3, B—Kt 5; 8 Castles, B×Q Kt; 9 P×B, K Kt—K 2; 10 B×P, Q—K 5; 11 B×P, Castles; 12 Q—Q 2, Kt—Q 4; 13 B—Kt 3, Q—K 6 ch; 14 Q×Q, Kt×Q; 15 K R—Q B 1, K R—K 1; 16 B—Q 3, Kt—Q 4; 17 P—Q B 4, B×Kt; 18 P×B, Kt—B 6; 19 P—Q 5, Kt—Q 5; 20 K—Kt 2 Kt (Q 5)—K 7; 21 R—K 1, Kt×B; 22 R×R ch, R×R; 23 P×Kt, Kt—R 5; 24 K—B 2, P—K Kt 3; 25 R—Q Kt 1, P—Kt 3; 26 R—Kt 4, Kt—B 4; 27 P—R 4, K—B 1; 28 P—R 5, R—Q Kt 1; 29 K—K 3, K—K 2; 30 K—Q 4, K—Q 3; 31 R—Kt 1, R—Kt 2; 32 P×P, P×P; 33 R—Q R 1, R—K 2; 34 P—Kt 4, P—B 3; 35 R—Q Kt 1, R—Q Kt 2; 36 P—B 4, R—Kt 1; 37 P—Kt 5, P—B 4; 38 R—K R 1, R—Kt 2; 39 B×P, R—K B 2; 40 R—Q Kt 1, K—B 2; 41 P—Q 6 ch, K—Q 1; 42 B—R 3, R×P ch; 43 K—Q 5, Kt—Q 2; 44 R—Q R 1, K—B 1; 45 R—R 7, Resigns.

OBITUARY.

To the general chorus of sorrow over the death at Windsor on March 27th of Sir Walter Parratt, Master of the King's Musick, all those who knew him, or knew of him as a chessplayer, must sadly subscribe. In some of the obituary notices of him which have appeared in the Press, allusion was made to his skill at the game and his devotion to it when his musical duties allowed him leisure for it. But his one-time active participation in it is, of course, remembered by few.

Born at Huddersfield in February, 1841, Walter Parratt was already known as one of the strongest of Yorkshire chess amateurs when, in 1872, he was given the post of organist at Magdalen College, Oxford, in succession to Sir John Stainer. Of his influence on the musical life of the University there is no need for us to speak. He joined the recently founded Oxford University Chess Club, and when on March 28th, 1873, the cherished scheme for an Oxford and Cambridge chess match was at length converted into fact, at the rooms in Milk Street, E.C., of the City of London Chess Club, "W. Parratt

(Magdalen)" figured on the first board for the Senior University, and with two wins over J. de Soyres (Caius) contributed materially to Oxford's win by $9\frac{1}{2}$ — $2\frac{1}{2}$. A picture of the match hangs on the wall of the City of London Chess Club to-day. In 1874 Parratt, now a Mus.Bac., was president of the Oxford University C.C. and again played top board, but on this occasion de Soyres beat him 2—1, and Cambridge won a surprising victory by 15—5. Though the teams were then, as now, seven a-side, the rate of play, without clocks, was much faster, and the pairs got through as many games as they liked in the allotted time.

This was Parratt's last appearance in the 'Varsity match. But in 1875 he was elected secretary of the Oxford University C.C. and in 1876 he served on the committee; after which, though he was a life member of the club, he acted no longer in any official capacity for it.

After ten years at Oxford he went to St. George's Chapel, Windsor; in 1892 he was knighted, and next year he became the Royal organist, a post which he held till his death. But he still retained his love for chess, and it is a pathetic incident that he accepted an invitation to play in the match Oxford (Past) v. Cambridge (Past) on March 22nd of this year, but had to write that, by doctor's orders, he was not allowed to come to town. He requested that the result of the match should be telegraphed to him, which was duly done. Alas! he was already on his deathbed, and less than five days later he had passed away in his sleep. Some of his latest conscious talk was on the subject of the match in which he was so keen, and was so desired, to play.

We regret to learn of the death at Totnes, on April 3rd, of one of our subscribers, Mr. J. Darley Dingle, match-captain of the Devon C.C.A. A strong player and a keen organiser, his loss will be felt keenly in Totnes and in the county in general.

We are sorry to record the death of R. Sayle Corlett at the age of 74, a member of the Manx Parliament "The House of Keys," since 1903. He was a man of remarkable physical strength being 6 ft. 2 in. and weighing nearly 20 stone. Many years ago he had a severe encounter with a bull which attacked him in one of the fields near his home at Andreas, Isle of Man, and by sheer physical force he mastered it and brought it to the ground.

In his youth he went to Manchester to take up a commercial career, and while there contracted an illness which necessitated his return home and was bed-ridden for a period of 10 years. It was during that time he studied the game of chess. He was for some years a member of the Liverpool Chess Club and soon became a very formidable opponent. He was also able to play blindfold and on more than one occasion vanquished two opponents simultaneously. His keenness for the game was entirely typical of the energy which he put into anything he undertook. In the past he has played with Steinitz, Amos Burn and J. H. Blackburne among others.

PROBLEM WORLD.

BY B. G. LAWS AND G. W. CHANDLER.

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On Wednesday, the 16th ult., Mr. D. Pirnie, according to announcement read his paper "Some Classification Suggestions." The classification of chess problems is by no means an easy matter if the result is to be dependable and of ready reference. Mr. Pirnie has devoted much thought to the subject and presented his views in an excellent manner illustrating every point he touched upon by appropriate selections. He explained that he could only then deal with the fringe of the scheme, but he sufficiently indicated a method which may prove most practical and useful. As applied to the thirty-odd illustrations the test seemed conclusive. The main idea was really the mating positions of a composition brought about by the combination of given forces. The principal force treated was Queen and two Knights (with and without "reserve" assistance) and this mixture proved to be capable of astonishing variegation for consideration in connection with analytical collocation. Many problem students have their own systems, but usually these are confined to particular categories, and probably inapplicable to problems *en masse*. Perhaps the greatest classifier is A. C. White and some idea of his method is given in his *First Steps in the Classification of Two-Movers*, published in 1911. When completed Mr. Pirnie's scheme would be acceptable if published in compendium form.

B.C.P.S. SOLVING TOURNEY RESULT.

The problems submitted were a more difficult set than in previous competitions, and we think it is something of an achievement for any solver to have made a clean score. Three solvers have the distinction of scoring the maximum points—274. They are J. A. Lewis, H. H. Davis and C. Folley, who will divide the three cash prizes between them. Dr. R. S. McClelland scored 271, and Messrs. R. G. Thomson, E. W. Poynton, G. Stillingfleet Johnson, T. H. Billington and H. Heginbottom 270. It has been decided to award book prizes to all these six solvers, who are requested to let Mr. G. W. Chandler, "Leylands," Mulgrave Road, Sutton, know their wishes. The Society have a number of Mr. Alain C. White's books for disposal as prizes.

SOLUTIONS.

No. 9 (J. Scheel).—1 B—Q 1, threatening 2 Kt—B 4. If 1..., B×Kt; 2 B—B 3 ch. If 1..., K×P or Kt—B 1; 2 Kt—K 6 ch. If 1..., P×P; 2 Kt—Kt 4. If 1..., P—K Kt 5; 2 Kt—Kt 2. (10+10=20). Published in *Morgenbladet*, 1920, and one of the author's best problems. It combines quiet play with model mates in a remarkable manner, and is by no means easy to solve.

No. 10 (J. Scheel).—1 Q—B 6, threatening 2 Kt—B 3 ch. If 1..., K—Q 5; 2 B—B 5 ch. If 1..., P×P; 2 Q—Q 7. If 1..., P—B 7; 2 Kt—B 4 ch. If 1..., R—Q 6; 2 Q—B 2. (10+10=20). This appeared in *Skakbladet*, 1918. It is a typical example of the composer's work. There are four good lines each

terminating in models, and the echoed long-shot mate is particularly pleasing. Strategy is fair, and the problem presents some difficulty.

No. 11 (R. Weinheimer).—1 P—Kt 6, threatening 2 Q—R 8, B×Q; 3 P—Kt 7! If 2... Kt—B 4; 3 Q×B ch. If 2... others; 3 B—Kt 7. If 1... B—Q 4; 2 Q—Kt 5, B—R 1; 3 P—Kt 7. If 2... B—K 5; 3 Q—R 5 ch. If 2... K—K 5; 3 Q—Q 3 ch. (15+4+6=25). A fine piece of strategy. There are several good tries by the Queen especially 1 Q—R 6, threatening 2 Q×Kt, and if 1... Kt—B 4; 2 Q—K Kt 6, etc. This fails only after 1... B—K B 3; 2 Q×B, B×P. A problem which seems to have proved difficult.

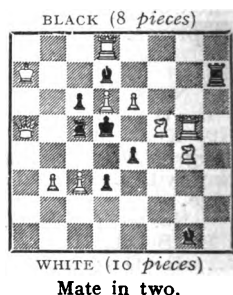
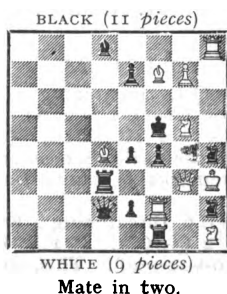
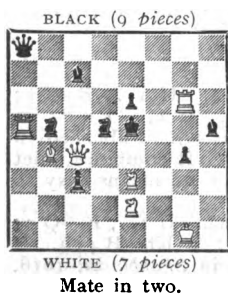
No. 12 (J. Salminger).—1 R×K Kt P. If 1... P—B 4; 2 R—Kt 7! P×P; 3 Q×Q P! If 2... K×Kt or other; 3 Q—K 2 ch. If 1... B—Kt 2; 2 R—Kt 4, B×P; 3 Q—Q 2. If 2... other; 3 Q—K 2 ch. If 1... K×Kt; 2 R—Q 2, any; 3 Q—K 2 (ch). (15+6+5=26). The mainplay is a succession of brilliant and unexpected moves, and the problem proved too much for several solvers. The two problems by Salminger seem to have proved the most difficult of the series.

THE LATE G. GUIDELLI.—We were particularly unfortunate in the selections we made last month of this deceased composer's work, as two are unsound and a third has been the subject of an improved version. We took the problems from the special number of the G.C.C.P. Club Folder of July 1917 wherein are given thirty-four problems by Guidelli which accompanied a sketch of his career. We are indebted to E. E. Westbury of Birmingham for communicating to us the following at the request of Dr. C. Guidelli, the deceased's father, who himself has composed a few problems.

Mr. Westbury writes: "In justice to the memory of a brilliant young composer, whose untimely demise will be received with world-wide regret, you will see I am sure, that any misleading impression which may have been created in the selection of these particular positions will be removed to the best of your ability. You, of course, are absolutely blameless in the matter as in view of the history of these problems it was hardly to be supposed that they were faulty."

The first position is cooked by 1 R×Q! The composer recast the problem which we give as sent us by Mr. Westbury. The second has no solution. How the defence 1... B—Kt 7 ch escaped the notice of so many is indeed remarkable. Curiously in the Folder above referred to there is another setting, which we will ask our readers to substitute for the faulty arrangement. The third two-mover as mentioned before has undergone some changes where by the substitution of a Black Bishop for Pawn a new cross check and battery feature is introduced.

BY THE LATE G. GUIDELLI.



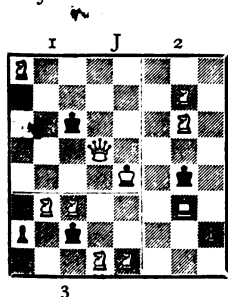
ECONOMY OF FORCE

By C. H. BROCKELBANK

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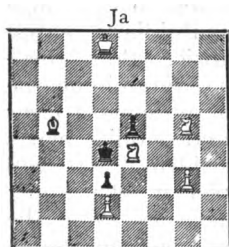
Such causes will generally be found to consist in either an ill-conceived disposition of the White force in relation to the range of mates *as a whole*, or in the inclusion of subsidiary mates, resembling, as it were, the frayed edge of a fabric. Both these power-analysis will be found unerringly to detect. Examining the composition under review in respect of the first, it presents a clear case of being built around certain preconceived and definite mates *and nothing else*, the others being structurally incidental. It will be noted that the entire White force is grouped in the upper half of the board in manner to prevent the Black forces in the lower half from any participation in, and thus from interfering with, these mates. These latter forces are, in fact, mere inartistic plugging agents, the *outcome* of what the mating power-analysis discloses as economically a basic flaw in conception, *i.e.*, *that of retaining e3 as a flight square*. The entire power-waste can definitely be traced to this; and economy demanded its elimination, whilst the strained and ugly mates it yields seem an offence against the delicate tracery of the others. Thus the proposed system of appraisal shews that the power-waste is due to a specific constructional weakness, which the composer would have been at pains to eliminate had power-conservation been understood as a desirable aim; and to that extent at least may be deemed as a valuable aid to construction. For, while this virtually inert Black force would be sensed by many as, at least, an inartistic feature, power-economy would indict it definitely, and counsel exclusion of its cause, *i.e.*, e3 as a flight square if the White force be disposed as it is.

One more, rather curious, point relative to the power of the Pieces may be included here. It is that a maximum-power mate cannot be achieved by any combination of them without the aid of the White King or, at least, one White Pawn or two Black blocking units. In an open-King's-field there are only three such combinations possible when aided by King or Pawn, here illustrated in Diagram J, the support in No. 2 being confined to that given by a Pawn as the King cannot serve there. One, of quite common occurrence in miniatures, by Queen and Knight: the second, Rook and two Knights, fairly frequently encountered: and, that *rara avis*, by four Knights which



B.C.M. solvers will have observed in a three-mover by A. van der Ven in the January number. Unfortunately, it there just misses the unique distinction of an m.p. Knights' mate by a Piece (the Queen) giving the necessary support to the Knight, thereby reducing the power-use to 83:20. Maximum mates with the blocking assistance of Black force are, of course, of easy attainment, and with other combinations than

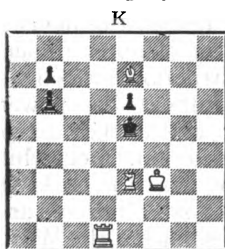
these three. Among many problems examined, the writer has discovered only one instance of m.p. mates outside miniature positions, though doubtless other cases will be found here and there. The one referred to is a three-mover by Pospisil containing two, of the Black block type. As a very simple illustration of Black block m.p. mates the diagram Ja, of course in no sense aspiring to the dignity of a chess-problem, may roughly hint at possibilities to the fledgling composer.



Mate in three.

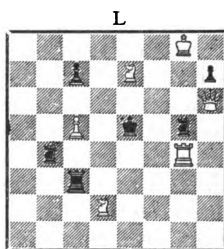
It may be thought that direct effort in composition to obtain high power economy may prejudicially affect other equally important objects. But, by way of general illustration that this is not so when the necessary skill is brought to bear, the following three examples may be considered ; K, by J. B., of Bridport,

1864, one of high strategy ; L, by G. Heathcote, 1921, a masterly achievement of that difficult "task" a complete-block three-mover with added play ; and M, a two-move threat by J. Pospisil, c. 1886.



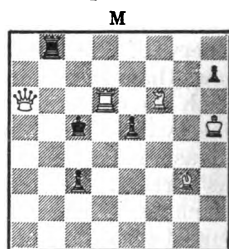
Mate in four.

Key : R—Q 6.



Mate in three.

Key : K—R 8.



Mate in two.

Key : R—Q 4.

The power economy of the four-mover, despite there being no model, is 72.50 : Mr. Heathcote's, all four models, the high 79.37 ; and Pospisil's, two models out of six, 49.67. Good economy in a three-mover seems to be between 65—70, in a two mover 25—30 in the hands of average composers ; and, if these three examples of craftsmanship be but the handiwork of a narrower conception of mating economy, it seems reasonable to assume that with power-economy as one of the lode-stars of composition some of the ideals of the art might be appreciably nearer attainment.

The practical application of such a system to competitive appraisalment would obviously more or less necessitate some allied relative scale of gauging the other distinct attributes of a problem. This is not difficult to devise in manner to provide a harmonious and definite measure of assessment possessing the virtue of a compensating balance ; which, apart from equitable appraisalment, would have the merit of appreciable relief to judges and tend to reduce those occasional lapses due to predilections or caprice. And, if this be so, the system here submitted should, perhaps, be regarded less as a cold and acid means of dissection than as a promising servant of a

higher craftsmanship in modelling artistic and, even, strategic conceptions.

In conclusion, it may be observed that only the main fundamentals of the proposed system have been here submitted, with but the fringe of matters which the subject suggests touched on here and there. For example, the fact that probably different power values must be applied to side-board and King-in-the-corner mates had to be passed over, as the issues involved would require too much space for due consideration. This difference is as clear as it is marked when compared with the mid-board Table given on page 122.

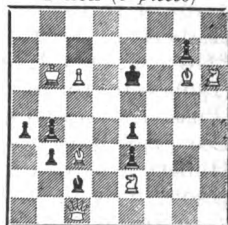
| Side-board field. | | | | | Corner field. | | | | |
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| Squares | ♔ | ♚ | ♜ | ♞ | Squares | ♔ | ♚ | ♜ | ♞ |
| 1 = % | 20 | 33 | 50 | 50 | 1 = % | 33 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| 2 = % | 40 | 66 | 100 | 100 | 2 = % | 66 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 3 = % | 60 | 100 | | | 3 = % | 100 | | | |
| 4 = % | 80 | | | | | | | | |
| 5 = % | 100 | | | | | | | | |

Much, even of importance, has thus necessarily been omitted, leaving abundance of material for more detailed treatment should this modest presentation provoke any substantial interest.

We cordially invite comment or criticism upon the subject of Mr. Brockelbank's article from composers and students. It would be highly interesting to learn the results of the application of his method in the measurement of the mating phase of Chess problems. We are sure the writer would be glad to explain anything if such be necessary and certainly he would like to know how his method is received.

In our March issue, at page 123, we re-produced a prize problem by O. Votruba and K. Traxler and made some remarks concerning a misprint and unsoundness last month at page 175. Dr. E. Palkoska, an authority on composition and an exponent of piquant strategy presented with due regard to economy of force, has in his column in *Narodni Politika* of Prague, remodelled this position, producing a very clever version. To our mind it is a distinct improvement and as such is worth quoting. Even with this almost dramatic change, we believe the Black Pawns at Q R 5 and Q Kt 6 could be taken off the board.

By Dr. E. PALKOSKA
after
VOTRUBA and TRAXLER.
BLACK (8 pieces)



WHITE (7 pieces)
Mate in three.

We have received from Henrik E. S. Bahr, the problem editor of the chess column of the new Norwegian monthly magazine, *Grand Magasin*, the chess pages of the first few numbers, which are full of interest, with the request that we draw attention to its informal Tourney for the year 1924. Two prizes, one Kr.60 (almost £2) is offered for the best three-mover and the other Kr.40 for the best two-mover,

published during 1924. The problem Editor will adjudicate the positions. Address: Stud. jur Henrik E. S. Bahr, Huitfeldts gate, Fr, Kristiania, Norway.

The General Chess Club of Upsala, in celebration of its twentieth anniversary which takes place next year, invites composers to enter one or two two-move problems for competition, to be sent by 1st November next, to Georg Lagerstrom, Ortra Agature 31, Upsala, Sweden. Motto and sealed envelope required. Prizes 50, 35 and 20 Swedish crowns. J. A. Ros of Boden, and Abuk Lundkrist of Eskilstuna, will be the judges. The award will be published in February, 1925.

REVIEW.

Adventures of My Chessmen, 1914-1923. This collection of 120 problems by G. F. Anderson, published by the Stroud printing firm who issue the *Chess Amateur* at the price of 3s. 6d. is one of the best this country has produced. Every composer and solver who has a real interest in the art can hardly be forgiven for neglecting to secure a copy. Time and the space at our disposal this month unite in frustrating our intention to review the work fully this month, but in June we propose to give our impressions, which we must say are most pleasant.

SOLVERS' SCORE—"LADDER" COMPETITION.

Problems (March) 2,459 to 2,462 inclusive.

J. Allcock (625) 5-10-10-10 (660); Dr. R. Tennant Bruce (205); **A. T. Cannell (615) 5-10-10-10 (650); J. Chadwick (Sydney) (100); R. W. Clark (Canada) (560) 5-10-0-10 (585); *W. H. Cutland (715) 5-10-10-20 (760); **F. J. Dennis (315) 5-10-10-10 (350); J. C. Derlain (255) 5-10-10-10 (290); Rev. A. T. Dean (180) 5-10-0-10 (205); B. V. Darbishire (645) 5-10-10-10 (680); G. Fegant (605) 5-10-0-10 (630); *C. Folley (0) 5-10-10-10 (35); *C. Frost (25) 5-10-10-10 (60); *Albert Haddy (620) 5-10-10-10 (655); **W. F. Herbert (245) 5-10-10-10 (280); J. A. Hatherhill (60) 5-10-0-10 (85); **Rev. F. O'D. Hoare (35) 5-10-10-10 (70); †G. Stillingfleet Johnson (130) 5-10-10-10 (165); Capt. J. V. Jacklin (140); N. V. Joshi (Pusa, India) (75) 5-10-10-10 (110); *A. Lockley (80); **Frederick Lee (340) 5-10-10-10 (375); J. A. Lewis (655) 5-10-10-10 (690); Hubert Lees (Auckland) (20); T. W. R. Leistikow (95) 5-10-10-10 (130); **Rev. N. Munroe (35) 5-10-10-10 (70); *R. J. Minns (465) 5-10-10-20 (510); D. Murray (65) 5-10-0-10 (90); Rev. A. N. Morgan (0) 5-10-10-10 (35); Johannes Neilson (545) 5-10-10-10 (580); M. E. Onslow (390); **A. Peacock (240) 5-10-10-10 (275); T. Rosenfeld (250); *R. G. Thomson (265) 5-10-0-10 (290); B. Tott (710) 5-10-0-10 (735); O. L. Telling (Monte Carlo) (610); "Tiro" (Bramminge) (0) 5-10-10-10 (35); Rev. E. Wells (605) 5-10-10-10 (640); Major W. T. Whetham (395).

It is extraordinary that only two solvers found both solutions to No. 2,462, especially as the cook is so commonplace. In November last we stated that the Rev. F. O'D Hoare made his first summit.

This was not correct as he had previously been successful (in July, 1921) and consequently is entitled to the distinction of two asterisks. Mr. Cutland has pointed out an unexplainable error on our part in giving him credit last month for highest score which honour is Mr. Folley's with the unmistakable lead of 785. Mr. Cutland, however, soon follows on as his total of 760 is the highest aggregate for March.

SOLUTIONS.

No. 2,459, by Dr. F. B. Feast.—1 P—B 4. A clever block two-er with a fine self-pinning key which introduces new variations. The play of the Black Queen's Knight is noteworthy.

No. 2,460, by M. Bukofzer.—1 Kt—Q 5, threatening 2 Kt—K 7. If 1... K×Kt; 2 B—B 3 ch. If 1... K—B 4; 2 Kt×P ch. The key is not good, but the afterplay well illustrates the combinative power of Knights and Bishops. There are four pretty model mates.

No. 2,461, by Dr. F. Rduch.—1 Q—K R 6! any; 2 Kt—B 3. One rarely finds a lightweight with so fine a key. The retreat of the Queen, giving two flights, is about the last move a solver would try. Despite the sameness of the second move, there is fair variety, and the mates are good.

No. 2,462, by R. Kimtzig.—1 Kt—B 3, threatening 2 P—B 4 ch. If 1... Q—B 6 ch; 2 P×Q. If 1... P×Kt; 2 Q—Kt 8 ch. A good key, and sharp pointed after play, though the capture of the Black Queen is rather drastic. A Black Pawn is required on Black's Q R 2 to prevent a cook by 1 B—Q 4 ch.

By P. F. Blake (p. 169).—1 P×P. For full solution see page 31 present volume.

By L. Simihovici (p. 169).—1 Q—R 3. See page 87 present volume.

By K. Erlin (p. 169).—1 K—B 1. See page 111 last volume.

By J. J. Rietveld (p. 169).—1 Q—K 8. See page 359 last volume (No. 2420 not 2440).

By C. Mansfield (p. 169).—1 Q—R 4. See page 310 last volume.

By W. Langstaff (p. 169).—1 Q—R 6. See page 431 last volume.

By Mrs. W. J. Baird (p. 170).—1 B—Kt 2. A daintily expressed idea which includes one model. The threatened mate (after Bishop moves) and that following P×B are nice. Some better arrangement should have been devised to meet the try of 1 Q—B 5 than that adopted. The Black Knight's Pawn restricts the White Queen too much.

By Mrs. W. J. Baird. (p. 170).—1 Q—Q Kt 2. Here we have a rather unexpected model after P×B. The key is easy to name because of Black's flight at B 2.

By Mrs. W. J. Baird (p. 170).—1 Q—K R 8, P×P; 2 Kt—B 5 ch. If 1... K—B 4; 2 Q—R 5 ch. If 1... K×P; 2 Q—B 6. Neat. The key is fair. It is a pity a threat continuation was not worked in, namely, 2 Kt—B 3 ch, but this could not be managed unless a different reply to 1... K×P was managed.

By Mrs. W. J. Baird (p. 170).—1 Kt—B 1, K—Q 5; 2 Q—B 6 ch. If 1... K—K 3; 2 Kt—Q 3. One might term this as a geometrical idea seen after K—Q 5. Though no model mate is effected, the work should not be despised. The principal characteristic is that the three mates are impure "mirrors."

By Mrs. W. J. Baird (p. 170).—1 R—Q 8, K—B 5; 2 Q—Q 5 ch. If 1... B—K 6 ch. If 1... K—R 5 or ×P; 2 Q—Q 5. The Queen sacrifice to the young solver may prove a surprise. To the accustomed solver it will be seen at once the Rook must move and Q 8 is most natural from a strategic point of view.

By Mrs. W. J. Baird (p. 170).—1 Kt—Q 5 (leaving Black Rook at Q Kt 3); 2 Kt—Q 6, R—B 3; 3 Kt—Kt 7 mate.

By G. Guidelli (p. 171).—1 P—Kt 3. Solved also by 1 R×Q. See amended position on another page.

By G. Guidelli (p. 171).—1 Kt—R 7. Defeated by 1... B—K Kt 7 ch. See revision on another page.

By G. Guidelli (p. 171).—1 Q—Kt 3. See another version given with the others above.

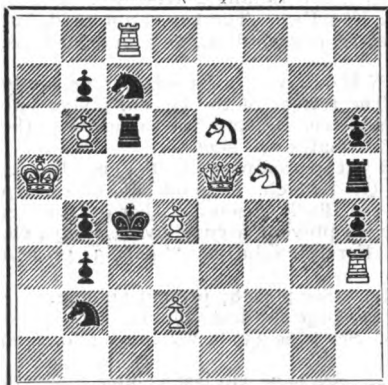
By G. Guidelli (p. 171).—1 K—B 7.
 By C. Winter-Wood (p. 172).—1 Kt—Q 4.
 By C. Kainer (p. 173).—1 B—B 3, Kt×Q; 2 Kt—B 7 ch. If 1..., K—R 5;
 2 Q—B 2 ch. If 1..., K—B 3; 2 Kt—Kt 4 dbl ch. If 1..., Kt×B; 2 Q—K 7 ch.
 If 1..., others; 2 Kt—B 7 ch.
 By L. Prokes (p. 173).—1 Kt—K 8, K—B 4; 2 Q×B P ch. If 1..., P—K 5;
 2 Q—B 4. If 1..., K—K 5; 2 Kt×P ch. If 1..., others; 2 Q—Q 3 ch.

ORIGINAL PROBLEMS.

No. 2,467.

By J. BUNTING
(Chesterfield).

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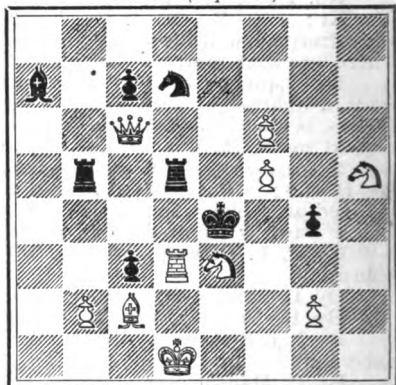
WHITE (9 pieces)

White mates in two moves.

No. 2,468.

By MALCOLM SIM
(Toronto).

BLACK (8 pieces)



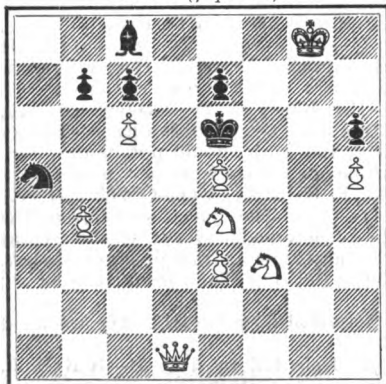
WHITE (10 pieces)

White mates in two moves.

No. 2,489.

By Dr. F. RDUCH
(Czernowitz, Roumania).

BLACK (7 pieces)



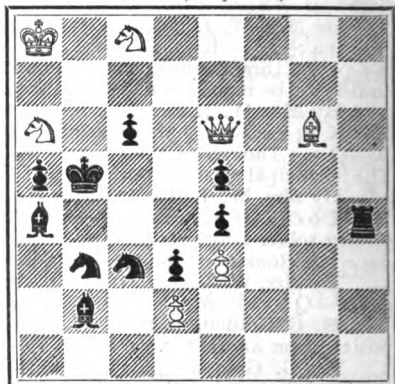
WHITE (9 pieces)

White mates in three moves.

No. 2,470.

By B. G. LAWS
(London).

BLACK (11 pieces)



WHITE (7 pieces)

White mates in three moves.



RHOS (WREXHAM) CHESS TEAM

Back Row :—J. A. WILLIAMS, S. WILLIAMS, S. PRITCHARD, T. READ, T. E. JONES, B.A., I.L. GREEN.

Seated :—E. T. WILLIAMS, T. BENNETT, Capt., F. W. SOAMES, Esq., President ; F. W. MILLS.

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RHOS (WREXHAM) CHESS TEAM.

We are pleased to be able to give herewith a photograph of the Rhos (Wrexham) Chess Team, the winners of the North Wales trophy for the second year in succession, together with their president, F. W. Somaes, Esq., of Bryn Estyn, Wrexham, to whom with the late G. Saint of Ruabon and Dr. G. F. Jones, much of the success of the team is due.

Five of the players are colliery workers, one is a B.A. and the other a journalist. Their keenness is great and the club numbers forty players, of whom two are only fifteen and eighteen years of age respectively, and give promise of becoming quite good players. In the last friendly match with the Wrexham Chess Club they put up a good fight with the older association and only lost by $6\frac{1}{2}$ — $4\frac{1}{2}$.

In the trophy competition they have won nine matches in three years and lost one only, in the final for 1921 against Rydal Mount School.

REVIEW.

We have received a copy of the *Hastings International Chess Tournament Book*, 1922, containing all the games played in the tournament, with exhaustive annotations by A. Alekhine the winner, and an account of the tournament by Sir G. A. Thomas. The book is edited by W. H. Watts of Printing Craft, Ltd., is issued at the low price of 5/-, in the same style as the *London Tournament Book* and contains photographs of the players.

The late appearance of the book is not, we believe, due at all to the editor and printer. The annotations which are more elaborate than English players are accustomed to, have been well translated and make the book of extra value, as also the fact that many of the games are specially interesting.

The enterprise of Printing Craft Ltd., in bringing out so many chess publications merits the support of chessplayers, and we hope the chess public will show their appreciation by buying copies in sufficient quantities to warrant further productions on the able lines which this firm always maintain. We can assure our readers that they will have full value for their money in this book. There are in many cases from thirty-five to forty notes on one game.

The only adverse criticism we have to make is there is nothing on the cover to indicate what the book contains, and when on the book shelf it will be difficult to pick out.

Chess Masterpieces, edited by W. H. Watts and published by *Daily News*, Ltd., Bouverie Street, London, E.C.4, at one shilling.

This collection of fifty selected games by the World's Masters, with Diagrams and annotations, is the cheapest shilling'sworth we have seen for many a long day. Unstinted praise can be bestowed on it. The print is clear, diagrams perfect, annotations lucid and trenchant. It is a book that no chessplayer ought to be without. There is a good index, both of players, and openings; photographs of most of the famous masters of the present day, and if after playing over the games in this book any reader can think chess is a played out game, as some of our croakers would have it, then we tremble for their mental stability!

THE ABBOT AND THE CHESSE-PLAYER.

- 'Twas the Abbot of Glastonbury,
Through greenwood he did presse,
And there he spyed a lonesome man
A-playing at the chesse.
- "How now, my pritty fellowe,
Dost play at the chesse alone?
Who love that sport, they do not use
In greenwood for to wone."
- "Sir Abbot, I've a comrade
With whom at chesse I play;
Our stakes are hie, and I have lost
Full thirty pound this day."
- "And who, frende, is thy comrade,
With whom thou playst at chesse?"
- "'Tis He who rules and reigns above
In power and rightwisnesse."
- "If that be so, good fellowe,
Thy losse can be but small."
- "Nay, pardon me, sir Abbot,
It is not so at all.
- "Whene'er I lose, Heaven sendeth
Some one the stakes to claim;
The poore, his lowly treasurers,
Gain when I lose the game.
- "Sticke not, I pray, sir Abbot,
To take this summe from mee;
Distribute it amonge the poore,
And their good almoner bee."
- Vaine was the Abbot's protest;
The coin he needs must take,
And, 'mongst the poor and needie,
Faire distribution make.
- A month went by; the Abbot
The selfsame way did passe,
And spied again that fellowe
A-sitting on the grasse.
- All by himself he sate there,
The chesse-borde on his knee;
- Intently gazed hee atte it—
Full fierce of mien was hee.
- "Well now, my frende, how goes it?
How stands it with the score?"
- "O sir, since last I saw you
I've beaten bin full score.
- "But this game looks much better;
To lose won't be my fate,
For see, the Black King's cornered—
Great Heaven is now check-mate!"
- "Yes, frende," replied the Abbot,
"I see you've gained the day,
But what I want to know is,
To whom you looke for pay?"
- "That, sir, is quickly answered:
It is to you I looke
For the three hundred golden merkes
Here noted in my booke.
- "This was the summe we played for;
You carry it, I knowe,
And duly to discharge the debt
I trust you'll not be slowe.
- "Eche time I winne, as when I ose
King Heaven sends some one here
To pay the stakes; your turn it is,
As plainlie doth appeare.
- "But since my worde you seeme to
doubt,
Knowe that I have harde bye
Twelve trustie frendes who'll hasten
uppe
If they but heare me crie."
- The Abbot no desire hee felt
Those trustie frendes to meete;
He paid the stakes, and home he hied
At a pace that was something
fleete.

A. J. MAAS.

THE SARAGOSSA OPENING.

We have received from Señor José Juncosa, of Saragossa, an article on the above opening, of which we make the following extracts:—

"For many years it has been the opinion of experts that the most important thing in chess is the domination of the centre. The moves 1 P—K 4 or P—Q 4, followed by P—K B 4 or P—Q B 4, with a view to removing the opponent's centre Pawn, have accordingly always been preferred by the majority of players.

"The late Julius Breyer, delving still further into the theory of the openings, showed that 1 P—Q 4 is superior to 1 P—K 4, and since then, many different lines of play for Black against the dreaded Queen's Gambit have been devised, all of them based upon the principle of not establishing contact with the enemy during the early stages of the game. The Fianchetti, for many years considered exceedingly weak, are almost considered to be the only satisfactory defences to the Queen's Pawn Game, since with their aid it seems possible to break the White centre without fear of the disastrous consequences which premature contact frequently produces in its train.

"Although the beautiful analysis of the Duras variation of the Queen's Gambit Declined which the champion of Saragossa, Don Joaquin Gasque, dedicated to me last September* (*La Strategie*, November, 1923) seems to reveal that opening in a less dangerous light, this is not sufficient to shake the faith of a whole school of chess players, the "hyper-modern school," which, uniting the solidity of the modern school with the brilliant combinations of the old school, has produced the most logical theoretical basis that chess has yet known.

"However, in our opinion the immediate occupation of White's Q4 is not decisive, as has been contended; but many may consider P—Q4 very advantageous for the attacking side if we previously prepare to maintain it securely in its place.

"1 P—Q B 3!, constituting the SARAGOSSA OPENING, which supports 2 P—Q 4, will, in our opinion, achieve better than any other opening move the establishment of a centre, since by so playing we shall see the defences successively devised by our opponents crumple up against the greater solidity of our position.

* The variation referred to is 1 P—Q 4, P—Q 4; 2 P—Q B 4, P—K 3; 3 Kt—Q B 3, Kt—K B 3; 4 B—Kt 5, Q Kt—Q 2; 5 Kt—B 3, B—K 2; 6 P—K 3, Castles; 7 R—B 1, P—Q Kt 3; 8 P×P, P×P; 9 Q—R 4, P—B 4!; 10 Q—B 6, R—Kt 1; 11 Kt×P, B—Kt 2; 12 Kt×B ch, Q×Kt; 13 Q—R 4, B×Kt; 14 P×B, P×P; 15 Q×Q P, Q R—B 1, etc. The great authorities on this opening, however, no longer play 9 Q—R 4 but 9 B—Kt 5!, which is recognised as the simplest way of retaining White's advantage; and if 9... B—Kt 2; 10 Castles, P—Q R 3; 11 B—Q R 4, P—B 4; 12 P×P! (M.E.G.)

"If it should be objected that the limited advance, which we recommend, restricts the mobility of the Queen's Knight, we would argue that the fundamental importance of dominating the centre is sufficiently great to offset this and other considerations of secondary importance.†

"Our opening has been known in Saragossa from time immemorial; according to some, as far back as the celebrated Aragon chess writer, Lucena. It was taught me by my chess master, Major José de Esponera, who always opened with 1 P—Q B 3!, 2 P—K 3 and 3 P—Q 4. It was first analysed seriously in 1919, my work being published in *Revista del Club Argentino de Ajedrez*, Buenos Aires, 1920 (see also *B.C.M.*, 1921, p. 58). Precursors of mine were, among others, Ercole del Rio, who mentions it in his book (1750); and W. Paulsen, who played it in the Nuremburg Tournament of 1883 against J. Mason, and also at Dresden, 1892, against the same opponent. The latter game‡ continued 1... P—Q 4; 2 P—Q 4, Kt—K B 3 (2... P—Q B 4; 3 P—K 3, P—K 3; 4 B—Q 3, Kt—K B 3; 5 Kt—Q 2, Kt—B 3; 6 P—K B 4—Casino de Saragoza—Cercle Philidor de Bruxelles, correspondence match, transposes into the Stonewall variation of the Queen's Pawn); 3 Kt—B 3, P—K 3; 4 B—Kt 5, B—K 2; 5 Q Kt—Q 2, P—K R 3 (or 5... Castles; 6 Q—B 2, Q Kt—Q 2; 7 P—K 4, P×P; 8 Kt×P, P—Q Kt 3; 9 B—Q 3, Juncosa—Dr. Subira, Saragossa, 1921); 6 B×Kt, B×B; 7 P—K Kt 3 (P—K 4! is best), Kt—Q 2; 8 B—Kt 2, P—B 4; 9 P—K 4, P×Q P; 10 B P×P, Kt—Kt 3; 11 Castles, Castles; 12 P—K 5."

Two of the games cited by Señor Juncosa, with notes by him, are appended. The remaining games, which, owing to lack of space we must omit, transpose either into the Stonewall variation (1 P—Q B 3, P—Q 4; 2 P—Q 4, Kt—K B 3; 3 P—K 3, P—B 4; 4 B—Q 3, Kt—B 3; 5 P—K B 4), recognised as inferior for White on account of the lack of mobility of his Queen's Bishop; or into a well-known form of the Queen's Pawn (1 P—Q B 3, P—Q 4; 2 P—Q 4, Kt—K B 3; 3 B—B 4). The players of Black did not adopt what is considered to be the best continuation, 3... P—B 4; 4 {P—K 3, Kt—B 3; 5 Kt—B 3, Q—Kt 3; 6 Q—Kt 3, P—B 5!

† It seems to me that the objection to this opening lies more in the fact that it fails to yield the advantage of the first move, since Black has complete freedom of choice as to his retort. I should play 1... P—K B 4!, the two powerful replies to the Dutch Defence (1 P—Q 4, P—K B 4), viz. 2 P—K 4 and 2 P—K Kt 3 having little point with the Pawn at Q B 3 blocking the Queen's Knight. This was the reply several times adopted at the Mannheim Tournament of 1922, where this opening was tested. The examples given by Señor Juncosa mostly transpose into variations of the Queen's Pawn Game that are not difficult for Black to meet. (M.E.G.)

‡ The former game, given by Señor Juncosa, transposed into a French Defence by 1 P—Q B 3, P—K 3; 2 P—K 4, P—Q 4; 3 P—K 5, P—Q B 4; 4 P—Q 4, etc.

GAME No. 5,230.

Simultaneous Display at Saragossa, 1921.

| WHITE | | BLACK | |
|--|--|----------------------------|--|
| Dr. EM. LASKER | | L. LOPEZ | |
| 1 P—Q B 3 | | 1 P—K 4 | |
| 2 P—Q 4! | | | |
| Ercole del Rio mentions (1750) | | | |
| 2 P—K 4, Kt—K B 3; 3 Q—B 2, | | | |
| etc. Alapin (<i>D. Wochensch.</i> , 1922) | | | |
| gives 2 Kt—B 3, P—K 5 (2...; | | | |
| Kt—Q B 3; 3 P—K 4=Ponziani); | | | |
| 3 Kt—Q 4, P—Q B 4; 4 Kt—B 2, | | | |
| P—Q 4; 5 P—Q 4, P—B 4; 6 P× | | | |
| P, B P×P; 7 P—K 3, Kt— | | | |
| K B 3; 8 P—Q B 4, P—K 3; | | | |
| 9 Kt—B 3, P×P!; 10 Q×Q ch, | | | |
| K×Q; 11 Kt—R 3. | | | |
| 2 P×P | | | |
|Or P—K 5, giving a | | | |
| Caro-Kann with colours reversed, | | | |
| e.g., 3 B—B 4, P—Q 4; 4 P— | | | |
| K 3, B—Q 3; 5 B—Kt 3! | | | |
| 3 Q×P | | | |
| It is now a Centre Counter with | | | |
| a move in hand. I prefer 3 P×P, | | | |
| P—Q 4; 4 B—B 4, B—Q 3; | | | |
| 5 B×B, Q×B; 6 P—K 3, Kt— | | | |
| K B 3; 7 B—Q 3, Castles; 8 Q— | | | |
| B 2 followed by Kt—Q 2, K Kt— | | | |
| B 3, R—Q B 1 and Castles. | | | |
| Juncosa—Rodriguez Lasala, Sara- | | | |
| gossa, 1919. | | | |
| | | 4 Q—Q R 4 | |
| | | Or 4 Q—Q 1, P—Q 4; 5 Kt— | |
| | | B 3, B—Q B 4; 6 P—K 3, Kt— | |
| | | B 3; 7 B—K 2. | |
| | | 3 Kt—Q B 3 | |
| | | 4 Q—Q R 4 | |
| | | 5 Kt—B 3 | |
| | | 6 B—Kt 5 | |
| | | 7 B—B 4! | |
| | | 8 P—K 3 | |
| | | 9 Q—B 2 | |
| | | 10 B—Kt 3 | |
| | | 11 B—Q 3 | |
| | | 12 B×Q Kt | |
| | | 13 B×Kt | |
| | | 14 Kt—K 5 | |
| | | 15 Kt×B | |
| | | 16 B×K P | |
| | | 17 R—B 1 | |
| | | 18 Kt×B | |
| | | 19 Kt—Q 2 | |
| | | 20 Castles | |
| | | 21 Q—Kt 3 ch | |
| | | 22 Q×P | |
| | | 23 R×R | |
| | | 24 Kt—B 1 | |
| | | 5 Kt—B 3 | |
| | | 5 B—Q B 4 | |
| | | 6 P—B 3 | |
| | | 7 K Kt—K 2 | |
| | | 8 B—Q 2 | |
| | | 9 Kt—Kt 3 | |
| | | 10 Castles | |
| | | 11 Q Kt—K 4? | |
| | | 12 P×B | |
| | | 13 P—K 5 | |
| | | 14 Q—Kt 4 | |
| | | 15 Q×Kt P | |
| | | 16 P×B | |
| | | 17 R—B 4 | |
| | | 18 R×Kt | |
| | | 19 R—K 1 | |
| | | 20 R—B 4 | |
| | | 21 K—R 1 | |
| | | 22 R×P | |
| | | 23 Q×R | |
| | | Resigns | |

GAME No. 5,231.

Played at Mannheim, 1922.

| WHITE | | BLACK | |
|-------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|--|
| Dr. TARRASCH | | J. MIESES | |
| 1 P—Q B 3 | | 1 P—K B 4 | |
|Recommended by Cordel | | | |
| as the best defence. | | | |
| 2 P—Q 4 | | | |
| A blindfold game, Alapin— | | | |
| Amateurs in consultation con- | | | |
| tinued 2 Q—B 2, P—K 3; 3 P— | | | |
| K Kt 3, Kt—K B 3; 4 B—Kt 2, | | | |
| P—Q 4; 5 P—Q 3, P—Q Kt 3; | | | |
| 6 P—K 4, Q P×P; 7 P×P, B— | | | |
| Kt 2; 8 B—Kt 5. | | | |
| 3 Kt—B 3 | | 2 P—Q Kt 3 | |
| | | 3 B—Kt 2 | |
| | | 4 P—K Kt 3 | |
| | | 4 P—Q 3 | |
| | |Mieses goes grievously | |
| | | astray here. 2... P—Q 3 with a | |
| | | view to Kt—Q B 3 and an early | |
| | | advance of P—K 4 was feasible; | |
| | | but in conjunction with the | |
| | | Queen's Fianchetto it leaves too | |
| | | great a weakness at K 3. I think | |
| | | 4... P—K 3; 5 B—Kt 2, B—K 2; | |
| | | 6 Castles, Kt—K B 3; 7 B—Kt 5, | |
| | | Kt—K 5 leaves Black with an | |
| | | excellent game. (M.E.G.) | |
| | | 5 B—Kt 2 | |
| | | 5 Kt—Q 2 | |
| | | 6 Q—Kt 3! | |
| | | Threatening both Kt—Kt 5 and | |
| | | Kt—K 5. | |

| | | | |
|--------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|
| | 6 P—Q 4 | 16 P×Kt | 16 P×P |
| 7 Kt—Kt 5 | 7 Q Kt—B 3 | 17 Castles Q R | 17 K—B 1 |
| 8 B—B 4 | 8 Q—Q 2 | 18 R×Q P 1 | 18 B×R |
| 9 Kt—Q R 3 | 9 P—K R 3 | 19 B×B | 19 Q×P |
| 10 Kt—B 3 | 10 P—K Kt 4 | 20 B—Q 4 | 20 Q×K P |
| 11 Kt—K 5 ! | 11 Q—K 3 | 21 B×K R | 21 P×P |
| 12 B—K 3 | 12 Kt—Q 2 | 22 P×P | 22 Q—K 6 ch |
| 13 Kt—Kt 5 ! | 13 K—Q 1 | 23 K—Kt 1 | 23 R—Kt 1 |
| 14 P—K R 3 | 14 P—Q R 3 | 24 Kt—B 2 | Resigns |
| 15 Kt—R 3 | 15 Kt×Kt | | |

CORRESPONDENCE.

RENOVATING CHESS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE *B.C.M.*

DEAR SIR,—Relative to the article by Mr. Frank Jones which appeared in the February issue of the *B.C.M.*, I beg leave to have a few lines inserted in our magazine.

The results at the present New York tournament show ample justification for a revision of the present rules. It seems obvious that present-day experts rely more and more on memory rather than on visualisation of positions and results to be brought about by plans carried out and based on their own strategy, hence the dull, unenterprising and stereotyped games which more often than not result in a draw.

There is, at any rate, a suggestion of my own which I humbly put forward, and that is that the British Chess Federation should take in hand the matter of drawing a game by "perpetual check." In my opinion it is neither sportsmanship nor good chess on the part of a player to resort to this kind of a "get out," and he who avails himself of this instead of fighting it out should be deprived of the half point; his opponent of course, receiving the usual half.

The only salvation seems to me to be in a judicious revision of the rules, or a re-shuffling of the pieces. As it is, chess seems to be "played out."

Yours sincerely,

T. E. JONES.

OXTON, CHESHIRE,
April 10th, 1924.

INTER-UNIVERSITY CABLE MATCH.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE *B.C.M.*

DEAR SIR,—The statement on p. 188 of the May *B.C.M.* to the effect that the Anglo-American Universities cable match was first played in 1908 must have caused surprise to a number of your readers. The correct date is 1899; and a match was played each year up to and including 1903. In 1904 and 1905 there was no contest, and in 1906 the four American Universities being under the impression that there would be no match that year, failed to send the necessary challenge; whereupon the universities of Brown, Cornell and Pennsylvania claimed the right to do so. An examination of the rules governing the competition upheld their claim. In 1907 the American side was again selected from the original combination, the top player being the present champion of the world, then a student at the University of Columbia.

England won in 1899, 1900, 1903; America, 1902; Drawn, 1901, 1906, 1907

Yours, etc.,

CAMBERWELL, S.E.

W. R. GREENHALGH.

(We have also received from Mr. Goulding Brown a note to the same effect.)

A COMPETITION. MATE IN ONE!

Mr. E. Hirschhorn of the Wood Green Chess Club, offers a prize of one guinea to the subscribers of the *B.C.M.* for the best solution of his problem, the editor to be judge of the solutions. The problem is: "In what does the fascination of chess consist?" He admits the problem is unsound, and permits of more than one solution, but no solver must send in more than one, and may choose the one he thinks most likely to appeal to the editor!

Solutions should be sent on a post card, with full name and address, by July 31st, 1924, to R. C. Griffith, 18 Wedderburn Road, London, N.E. 3.

BOYS' CHAMPIONSHIP AT HASTINGS.

The second year of the Boys' Championship Congress—though it is the fourth occasion, in all, that Hastings has held a congress for boys—saw a fine entry of thirty-six players for the championship, and twenty-four for the general event. The latter was not this year, as last, held concurrently with the championship during the Easter holidays, but before, in order to suit the convenience of boys who may be at school in Hastings and St. Leonards, but do not wish, or may not be able to spend their holidays there.

The main tournament opened at the Town Hall on the evening of Easter Monday, April 21st. *We gave last month the names of the competitors in the six preliminary sections from which the six finalists were to be drawn, and shall content ourselves with the score-lists of these sections and some very brief remarks:—

A.—Milner-Barry (holder), $4\frac{1}{2}$; Dodds, $3\frac{1}{2}$; Norman, 3; Hunt, $2\frac{1}{2}$; Austin, $1\frac{1}{2}$; Watling, 0 (2 lost by default). The holder drew with Dodds in the second round, but after that had an easy passage, whereas Dodds drew 2 more games.

B.—Stuart, $4\frac{1}{2}$; Pilkington, 4; Winsor, $3\frac{1}{2}$; Hosford, Silcock and Spouse, 1 each. Stuart and Winsor had a fine set-to in the second round, a game full of ingenuity, which ended in a draw. Stuart won his other 4 games; but Winsor was beaten, and passed in the score, by Pilkington (from Vancouver) in the last round.

C.—Brown, 5; Goodwin, Mortlock and Wechsler, 3 each; Gale and Hunter, $\frac{1}{2}$ each. Brown should not have got more than a draw against Gale in the fourth round; but he finished with a great win against Wechsler, after being a piece down. Wechsler scored 3 off the reel (like Brown), but then lost 2 in one day, letting up two others to tie with him. In the play-off, by lightning chess, for second prize in the section, Mortlock won.

D.—Scrimgeour, Birks, Excell and Smith, $3\frac{1}{2}$ each; Goetzee, 1; Maxwell, 0. Smith would have won this section, had he not resigned a game to Birks through not seeing a draw. The quadruple tie for first place was, owing to lack of time before the final was due to begin, decided by a small lightning tournament, in which Scrimgeour won all his 3 games, and Birks won 2. This section evidently contained the four players of almost nearly equal strength.

E.—Papé, $4\frac{1}{2}$; Husbands, 4; Salter, $3\frac{1}{2}$; Steadman, 2; Charig, 1; George, 0. Husbands, after drawing with Papé, should have tied with him but failed to win a won game against Salter.

F.—Pratten, $4\frac{1}{2}$; Charles, 4; Blomfield, 3; Bruning, $1\frac{1}{2}$; Cross and Gibb, 1 each. Pratten rather outclassed the rest, though he could only draw his first game, *v.* Bruning. Charles's first three opponents each presented him with a piece.

After the tie in Section D had been decided on Wednesday morning, April 24th, the championship proper began at 5 p.m. that day, the contestants, with schools and ages (in brackets), being :—

P. S. Milner-Barry, Cheltenham College (17); L. N. Stuart, Sywell House, Rhyl (17); R. H. Brown, Hastings Grammar School (17); E. J. Scrimgeour, St. Paul's, (17); L. F. Papé, Skinner's School, Tunbridge Wells (16); and W. H. Pratten, Esplanade H.S., Southsea (15).

Little over an hour had elapsed in the first round when Pratten, who is at once the "baby" and the dark horse of the section, inflicted a defeat in 17 moves on Brown, the local favourite. Brown, however, helped with a blunder. Scrimgeour and Papé followed with a steady draw. The last to finish were Stuart and Milner-Barry; but the former early established an attacking position in a Ruy Lopez, and the holder, having unwisely captured an offered Pawn, found himself the Exchange down, with a hopeless position.

In Round 2, Brown completely tied Stuart up and won decisively. Papé *v.* Pratten was a featureless draw. Milner-Barry *v.* Scrimgeour was a long game, which occupied two sittings. The holder attacked vigorously, gave up a Knight, and then won the Exchange. After the adjournment, however, he was faced with an ending in which he had Rook and three Pawns against two Knights and five Pawns; and the superior number of wins won.

In Round 3, Brown won easily in 18 moves against Papé. Milner-Barry suffered his third defeat in succession, making, as he expressed it, "an awful howler" against Pratten. Stuart won in excellent style against Scrimgeour. This left the scores on Friday night: Pratten, $2\frac{1}{2}$; Brown and Stuart, 2; Scrimgeour, $1\frac{1}{2}$; Papé, 1; and Milner-Barry, 0.

Round 4 was played on Saturday morning. Milner-Barry, reproducing at length his last year's form, won a good victory over Brown in 30 moves. Scrimgeour and Pratten made a steady draw. Lastly Stuart, who, as Black, had had a breathless time against Papé in the Blumenfeld variation of the Scotch, pulled through successfully. Thus Pratten and Stuart, who were to meet in the afternoon, headed the table with 3 points each.

In the final round Scrimgeour, with his usual French Defence, won early against Brown. Pratten played the Lopez against Stuart and, pressing the attack too hard, got what appeared to the onlookers a lost game. But he only took just half the time of his opponent, and at the crisis Stuart went wrong. Seeing his error, the Rhyl boy made a sensational sacrifice of his Queen, hoping for a perpetual.

It was not there, so Pratten won the game and the championship. The remaining game, Papé *v.* Milner-Barry, was comfortably won by the latter. Table:—

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | Score | |
|----------------------------|---------------|---|---------------|---|---|---------------|-------|------------|
| 1 W. H. Pratten | — | 1 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 | 1 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 4 | { I II* |
| 2 L. N. Stuart | 0 | — | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | |
| 3 E. J. Scrimgeour | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | — | 1 | 1 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 3 | |
| 4 R. H. Brown | 0 | 1 | 0 | — | 0 | 1 | 2 | |
| 5 P. S. Milner-Barry | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | — | 1 | 2 | |
| 6 L. F. Papé | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | 0 | — | 1 | |

We congratulate the new champion, who was born at Swindon on May 10th, 1908, but is being educated at Southsea. He was “tipped” as a likely winner by one of the strongest players in the Hastings Chess Club, who met him at the Southsea Congress last summer. We also believe him to be a player of great possibilities, who has already a tournament style noteworthy for his age.

Of the other five, we described Stuart last year as a remarkable player. We adhere to that view, and consider him unlucky not to have won either last year or this, as he is full of brilliant ideas. Scrimgeour is a thoughtful player, who suffers perhaps a little by contenting himself with remaining on the defensive. Brown is difficult to estimate as he can be so very good, and yet at other times lets himself be crumpled up. Milner-Barry is fine in attack, and a great seeker after ingenious sacrifices. It is not fair to pay too much attention to his record this year, as he had only just got over an attack of German measles—to which, however, it is obvious he put up a fairly good defence! Papé is possibly too keen to let his adversary do the combining—which, in spite of Steinitz, “vill (not) sure be rotten” every time. However, he has another year in which to try for the championship again.

We have allowed more space than we intended to the principal event at this congress (for which reason we can only give summaries of any but the major competition), because we think that the standard of play in the championship final was so high this time that it deserved all the notice we could spare. We believe that some of these young players will go far—presuming, of course, that they keep up their chess.

The prize-winners in the lower sections of the final competition were as follows:—

Section A.—I., R. H. Blomfield (Norwich H.S.); II, P. G. Husbands (Polytechnic).

Section B.—I-II, R. A. Pilkington (Vancouver) and A. G. Charles (Taunton).

Section C.—I, T. M. Wechsler (St. Paul's); II, A. E. Smith (Brighton).

Section D.—I, A. Mortlock (Milne's School, Hastings); II, C. Bruning (Ealing Priory).

Section E.—I, J. S. Maxwell (Hastings G.S.); II, Rupert Cross (Worcester College for the Blind).

The last named in this list, little Cross, is only 11 and plays with wonderful skill, considering his handicap. His success was very popular.

The arrangements for the congress were ably carried out by the committee of one—E. J. Ackroyd, who, however, was the first to admit his indebtedness to Messrs. H. H. Bishop and H. E. Dobell for their assistance.

Visitors to the congress during the week included such distinguished chessplayers of the past as Messrs. H. H. Cole and E. M. Jackson; His Worship the Mayor (Councillor A. Blackman), who, with the Corporation, contributed much to the convenience of both players and spectators by lending the Council Chamber for the congress; and, on the last day, the Hon. F. G. and Lady Margaret Hamilton-Russell. Lady Margaret presented the Ginner championship cup, the medals and the prizes to the various winners on Saturday night.

After the prize-giving, G. M. Norman gave a simultaneous exhibition.

We append three of the games:—

GAME No. 5,232.—*English Opening*. White: W. H. PRATTEN.
Black: R. H. BLOMFIELD.

1 P—Q B 4, P—Q 4; 2 P×P, Kt—K B 3; 3 P—Q 4, Q×P;
4 Kt—Q B 3, Q—Q 1; 5 P—K 4, P—K 3; 6 Kt—B 3, B—Q 2;
7 B—K Kt 5, B—K 2; 8 P—K 5, Kt—Q 4; 9 B×B, Q×B; 10
R—B 1, P—Q R 3; 11 Kt×Kt, P×Kt; 12 R×P, Q—Kt 5 ch;
13 Q—Q 2, Q×Q ch; 14 Kt×Q, B—B 3; 15 R—B 8 ch, Resigns.

GAME No. 5,233.—*Queen's Gambit Declined*. White: A. WINNER.
Black: L. N. STUART.

1 Kt—K B 3, P—Q 4; 2 P—Q 4, Kt—K B 3; 3 P—B 4, P—K 3;
4 B—Kt 5, Q Kt—Q 2; 5 P—K 3, P—B 3; 6 Kt—B 3, Q—R 4;
7 Kt—Q 2, Kt—K 5; 8 K Kt×Kt, P×Kt; 9 B—R 4, B—Kt 5;
10 Q—B 2, Castles; 11 B—K 2, P—K 4; 12 Castles K R, P—K B 4;
13 Q R—Q 1, P×P; 14 P×P, Kt—B 3; 15 B—Kt 5?, B—K 3;
16 B—Q 2, Q R—Q 1; 17 P—Q R 3, B×Kt; 18 B×B, Q—B 2;
19 K R—K 1, P—B 5; 20 Q—Q 2, Kt—Kt 5; 21 B×Kt, B×B;
22 R—Q B 1, Q R—K 1; 23 P—Q 5!, P—B 4; 24 P—Kt 4, P—
Q Kt 3; 25 P—R 3?, P—K 6!; 26 P×P, P—B 6!; 27 R—B 1, B
×P!; 28 P—Q 6!, K B P×P; 29 R×R ch, R×R; 30 P×Q, R—B
8 ch; 31 R×R, P×R (Q) ch; 32 K—R 2, B—K 3; 33 Q—K Kt 2,
Q×Q ch; 34 K×Q, K—B 2. The game was drawn on the 59th
move, a termination already in view.

GAME No. 5,234.—*Centre Counter (in effect)*. White: R. H. BROWN. Black: S. F. PAPÉ.

1 P—K 4, P—K 4; 2 Kt—K B 3, P—Q 4; 3 P×P, Q×P;
4 Kt—B 3, Q—R 4; 5 B—B 4, B—Q Kt 5; 6 Castles, Kt—Q B 3;
7 R—K 1, Kt—B 3; 8 Kt×P, Kt×Kt; 9 P—Q 4, Kt—Kt 5;
10 B—Q 2, Castles; 11 P×Kt, Kt×P; 12 Kt—Q 5, B×B; 13
R×Kt, K—R 1; 14 Q—R 5, P—K Kt 3; 15 Q—R 4, P—K R 3;
16 Q—B 6 ch, K—R 2; 17 R—K 7, B—K 3; 18 Q×B, Resigns.

THE BRITISH CORRESPONDENCE CHESS ASSOCIATION.

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Matches.—The scores in our various matches as we go to press are as follow: *Chess Amateur* 0—3 (Mr. Edwards has had to retire as a result of a serious accident); *v. Belfast News-Letter* 2—1; *v. Poor Law Officers' C.C.L.* 0—1. We have been unlucky in our big match in losing two games through illness.

We are pleased to note the successes of our members at Weston, Messrs. Lawrence and Richardson being first and second in 1 B, Mr. Boys and Miss Chater tying for first and second respectively in 3 B, and Mr. Cope winning the second prize in the lightning tourney.

It is gratifying to hear that the success of our West Indian Section is now assured. Seventeen players have already entered the tourney which is being arranged and there is every prospect of others taking part. This is almost entirely due to the assistance we have received from Mr. Nobrega of Demerara, Mr. Hunte of Barbados, and Mr. Campbell-Williams of Trinidad.

Trophies Tourney Results.—Class 1a: Illingworth $\frac{1}{2}$, Lawrence $\frac{1}{2}$. Class 1b: Rhead $\frac{1}{2}$, Sparke $\frac{1}{2}$; Rhead 1, Jones, D. J. 0 (by default); Bussell $\frac{1}{2}$, Matthews $\frac{1}{2}$; Cope 1, White 0. Class 2a: Richardson 1, Blanshard 0; Richardson 1, Vosper 0; Colborne 1, Richardson 0; Colborne 1, Vosper 0; North $\frac{1}{2}$, Rutherford $\frac{1}{2}$; Finch 1, Blanshard 0 (by default). Class 2b: Kitchener 1, Ward 0. Class 3a: Shead 1, Miss Abraham 0; Shead 1, Hays 0; Snook 1, Henderson 0. Class 3b: Wallis 1, Lambert 0; Rocks 1, Sheard 0; Pindar 1, Lambert 0; Pindar 1, Sheard 0; Rynders 1, Lambert 0. Class 4a: Laslett 1, Miss Chater 0. Class 4b: Anderton 1, Hirst 0 (by default); Seymour 1, Doyle 0; Cottee 1, Kennedy 0; Berhndt 1, Cottee 0. Class 4c: Taylor 1, Withey 0 (by default); McClusky 1, Withey 0 (by default); McClusky $\frac{1}{2}$, Pugh $\frac{1}{2}$. Class 5a: Davis 1, Ainsworth 0; Gracey 1, Tott 0; Gracey 1, Davis 0; Edwards retires owing to accident, remaining games scored to his opponents; Wilcox 1, Tott 0; Ashley 1, Tott 0, Ashley 1, Beckwith 0, Beckwith 1, Tott 0. Class 5b: Burton 1, Halford 0; Burton 1, Price 0; Houghton 1, Halford 0. Class 5c: Parr $\frac{1}{2}$, Miss Eveling $\frac{1}{2}$; Newbold 1, Parr 0.

Handicap Tourney.—*Wins*: Armitage *v.* Heath; Aston *v.* Lyne (2); Bardsley *v.* Gurney; Bogg *v.* Evill; Bodkin *v.* Armitage, Joyce (2); Brady *v.* Houghton, Anderton; Miss Chater *v.* Burton, Simeon; Chambers *v.* Dancer, Duffell; Carmichael *v.* Duffell (2); Cottee *v.* Berhndt (2); Duffell *v.* Miss Chater (2); Day *v.* Baker (2), Hall; Farr *v.* O'Brien; Gurney *v.* Fairclough; Gale *v.* Murray (2);

Heath *v.* Aldridge (3); Houghton *v.* Curson; Hume *v.* Shead, Folley, Lyne, Newbold (2), Seymore; Holland *v.* Simeon (2); Lesser *v.* Miss Chater; Laslett *v.* Seymore; Lord, A. H. *v.* Miss Chater, Curson (2), Parr; Munro *v.* Hirst, Lister, Curson; Maden *v.* Ward; McKellen *v.* Roberts; McClusky *v.* Houghton (2), Tollit; Miss New *v.* Baker (2); Mrs. Pullin *v.* Ashley, Withey (2), Moon (2); Palmer *v.* W. F. Ford (2); Parsons *v.* Terry; Seymore *v.* Hume; Snook *v.* Rynders, Berhndt; Shead *v.* Davis, McKellen (2), Aston-Lewis (2); Somerville *v.* Curson; Tollit *v.* McClusky; Wilcox *v.* Hapgood, Somerville, Holland (2); Ward *v.* Newbold (2); Wilson *v.* Terry (2); Weston *v.* Gould. *Draws:* Armitage *v.* Bodkin; Bardsley *v.* Gurney; Bodkin *v.* Chambers, Armitage; Chambers *v.* Mogg, Gale; Gould *v.* Weston; Hume *v.* Shead; Murray *v.* Wilcox (2); Rynders *v.* Snook; Wilcox *v.* Murray (2); Weston *v.* Gould.

The following game was played in the recent Danish match, the notes being supplied by Professor Robinson.

GAME NO. 5,235.

| WHITE PROF. R. ROBINSON (Manchester) | | BLACK C. V. LOYE, ESQ. (Copenhagen) | | WHITE PROF. R. ROBINSON (Manchester) | | BLACK C. V. LOYE, ESQ. (Copenhagen) | |
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| 1 | P—Q 4 | 1 | P—Q 4 | 26 | Q—B 3 (f) | 26 | B—K 1 |
| 2 | Kt—K B 3 | 2 | P—Q B 4 | 27 | B—Q 4 | 27 | Q—K 5 |
| 3 | P—K 3 (a) | 3 | Kt—Q B 3 | 28 | R—R 5 | 28 | R (R 2)—Kt 2 |
| 4 | P—B 4 | 4 | P—K 3 (b) | 29 | P—Q Kt 3 (g) | 29 | Q—Kt 8 ch |
| 5 | B P×P | 5 | K P×P | 30 | K—B 2 | 30 | P—Q B 4 |
| 6 | B—Kt 5 | 6 | B—Q 3 (c) | 31 | Q×P | 31 | P—R 3 |
| 7 | Q Kt—Q 2 | 7 | P—Q R 3 | 32 | R×R P | 32 | K—R 2 |
| 8 | B×Kt | 8 | P×B | 33 | R (Kt 3)—Kt 6 | 33 | R (Kt 2)—B 2 |
| 9 | P×P | 9 | B×P | 34 | Q—Q 6 | 34 | Q—K 5 |
| 10 | Kt—Kt 3 | 10 | B—Q 3 | 35 | P—K R 4 | 35 | R (K B 2)— K 2 (h) |
| 11 | B—Q 2 | 11 | Kt—K 2 | 36 | P—R 5 | 36 | R (Q B 2)—Q 2 |
| 12 | R—Q B 1 | 12 | Castles | 37 | Q—B 5 | 37 | R—Q B 2 |
| 13 | K Kt—Q 4 | 13 | B—Q 2 | 38 | Q—Q 6 | 38 | R (Q B 2)—Q 2 |
| 14 | Castles | 14 | R—Q B 1 | 39 | Q—Kt 4 | 39 | Q—B 7 ch (i) |
| 15 | Kt—Q B 5 | 15 | B×Kt | 40 | K—Kt 3 | 40 | Q—Q 8 |
| 16 | R×B | 16 | P—K B 4 | 41 | R (R 6)—K 6 | 41 | R×R |
| 17 | P—K B 4 (d) | 17 | K—R 1 | 42 | R×R | 42 | B×R P |
| 18 | Kt—B 3 | 18 | Kt—Kt 1 | 43 | R—Q B 6 | 43 | B—K 7 (j) |
| 19 | B—B 3 | 19 | Q—K 2 | 44 | Q—B 3 | 44 | B—Q 6 |
| 20 | Q—B 1 (e) | 20 | Kt—R 3 | 45 | Q—B 1 | 45 | Q—K 7 |
| 21 | B—Q 4 | 21 | Kt—B 2 | 46 | P—Q R 4 | 46 | P—K R 4 |
| 22 | Kt—K 5 | 22 | R—Q B 2 | 47 | K—R 2 | 47 | P—R 5 |
| 23 | R—K B 3 | 23 | Kt×Kt | 48 | R—K Kt 6 | 48 | Draw agreed (k) |
| 24 | B×Kt | 24 | R—R 2 | | | | |
| 25 | R—Kt 3 | 25 | R—KB 2 | | | | |

(a) 3 P—B 4, P—K 3; 4 B P×P, K P×P; 5 Kt—B 3, Kt—K B 3; 6 P—K Kt 3 transposing into the Rubinstein variation of the Q.G.D. appears to be the usual continuation.

(b) Pillsbury against Lasker played B P × P but the contemporary comment was unfavourable.

(c) It would have been better to develop the King's Knight.

(d) The weakness of the King's Pawn so induced is fully compensated by an increased control of the board.

(e) Best, for otherwise the adverse Knight can be established at his K 5.

(f) White has now a decided advantage.

(g) In the light of later events it is easy to see that it was necessary to move the King's Rook Pawn at this stage.

(h) If... R (K B 2)—Q 2 then 36 R × R P ch, K—Kt 1; 37 Q—K 6 ch, etc.

(i) If... B × R then 40 P × B ch, K—Kt 1; 41 Q—B 3 followed by B—K 5 gives White the better game.

(j) This spiral manoeuvre of the Bishop ensures a draw at least.

(k) Now the only resource to draw and a surprise. The sacrifice must be accepted for otherwise R—Kt 5 follows and the extra Pawn gives White winning chances. 48... K × R; 49 Q—B 6 ch, K—R 2; 50 Q × R, Q—Kt 5; 51 Q—K 7 and in view of 52 Q—Kt 5 Black gives perpetual check or exchanges Queens leaving a drawn ending.

NEWS FROM THE BRITISH ISLES.

The report that Kent had won the Montague-Jones trophy with a clean score, culled from an Essex paper, and published on page 190 of our May issue was, we regret, inaccurate; so far from that being a fact, Sussex won the section in which Kent and Essex were their opponents, and had to meet Hertfordshire, the winners of the other section which comprised in addition, Bedfordshire and Berkshire, in a final match, which was played on Saturday, March 17th, at St. Bride's Institute, London. It is evident that our contemporary had muddled up this competition with that of the Metropolitan C.C. which Kent won.

The final match for the "Montague-Jones" cup was a run-away victory for Sussex. The only game they lost was on board 4 where their player made a miscalculation in the ending. The other two points which Hertfordshire gained were from four drawn games. The full score was as follows:—

SURREY.

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| 1 G. M. Norman | | 1 |
| 2 E. M. Jackson | | 1 |
| 3 J. A. J. Drewitt | | 1 |
| 4 E. Storr-Best | | 0 |
| 5 R. E. Lean | | 1 |
| 6 E. J. Ackroyd | | 1 |
| 7 A. Emery | .. .. . | 1 |
| 8 Dr. R. Dunstan | .. .. . | 1 |
| 9 H. E. Dobell | .. .. . | 1 |
| 10 Rev. E. Swainson | .. .. . | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 11 J. H. Jones | .. .. . | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 12 J. A. Watt | | 1 |
| 13 W. Bridger | | 1 |
| 14 G. V. Butler | | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 15 W. H. King | | 1 |
| 16 Dr. W. M. Varley | | $\frac{1}{2}$ |

HERTFORDSHIRE.

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| T. A. Staynes | | 0 |
| A. G. Fellows | | 0 |
| J. Burgess | | 0 |
| G. T. Womack | | 1 |
| L. U. Jeans | | 0 |
| Major Montague-Jones | | 0 |
| G. H. Richards | .. .. . | 0 |
| E. G. Attenborough | .. .. . | 0 |
| W. Hatton Ward | .. .. . | 0 |
| J. V. Jacklin | .. .. . | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| C. K. Trotter | .. .. . | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| E. H. Martin | .. .. . | 0 |
| W. J. Baum Gartner | .. .. . | 0 |
| G. Hopkins | .. .. . | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| C. H. Rickwood | .. .. . | 0 |
| L. S. Bush | .. .. . | $\frac{1}{2}$ |

The final match for the S.C.C.U. championship between Surrey and Somerset was played at the Y.M.C.A., Broad Street, Bath, on Saturday, May 3rd. Surrey scored an easy victory; the game on board 1 was played in London. Somerset had practically their strongest team, and considering the fact that Surrey was playing away, they were well represented.

Misfortune early befell the western county, Dr. Cave on board 4 going wrong in defending a Queen's Gambit Declined. Almost simultaneously their player on board 8 overlooked the loss of his Queen. Shortly after this an interval for tea took place at which short speeches by the president and secretary of the B.C.F. and presidents of the two county associations were made.

When hostilities were resumed wins for Surrey followed on boards 13, 15 and 16, and draws were agreed on boards 12 and 14. On board 3 Captain Bolland early forced his opponent to give up a Knight for which the Surrey man obtained two Pawns. Bolland later won the exchange, becoming a clear Rook up but losing more Pawns in the process. He later, however, lost his piece and at once resigned. Uber and Allnutt both obtained pretty wins.

The score at the call of time was Surrey 10, Somerset 2. The remaining games were than adjudicated on the spot, giving Somerset their one win in the match. The full score was as follows:—

| SURREY. | | | | | | SOMERSET. | | | | | |
|---------|--------------------|----|----|----|---|---------------------|----|----|----|----|---|
| 1 | R. P. Michell | .. | .. | .. | ½ | A. West | .. | .. | .. | .. | ½ |
| 2 | H. B. Uber | .. | .. | .. | 1 | C. Duffield | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 3 | R. C. J. Walker | .. | .. | .. | 1 | Capt. C. D. Bolland | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 4 | H. S. Barlow | .. | .. | .. | 1 | Dr. E. J. Cave | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 5 | L. P. Rees | .. | .. | .. | 0 | H. Parsons | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| 6 | W. E. Allnutt | .. | .. | .. | 1 | Rev. E. W. Poynton | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 7 | G. A. Felce | .. | .. | .. | ½ | R. M. Norman | .. | .. | .. | .. | ½ |
| 8 | F. F. L. Alexander | .. | .. | .. | 1 | S. Breakwell | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 9 | E. MacDonald | .. | .. | .. | 1 | F. R. Hill | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 10 | J. Butland | .. | .. | .. | ½ | D. Campbell | .. | .. | .. | .. | ½ |
| 11 | H. G. Felce | .. | .. | .. | 1 | J. L. Palmer | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 12 | P. J. Allingham | .. | .. | .. | ½ | Comm. R. D. Graham | .. | .. | .. | .. | ½ |
| 13 | W. L. Brierley | .. | .. | .. | 1 | L. Vine | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 14 | A. J. Spencer | .. | .. | .. | ½ | J. Blair | .. | .. | .. | .. | ½ |
| 15 | G. E. Wernick | .. | .. | .. | 1 | H. Powell | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 16 | P. W. Rampton | .. | .. | .. | 1 | S. Hull | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
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The Northamptonshire Silver King competition, for which Northampton, the holders, Peterborough, Kettering and Wellingborough entered, was won by Peterborough, after a drawn match in the final with Wellingborough. The holders were defeated by Wellingborough. An Individual County championship was started this year, and was won by J. S. Greeves, the hon. secretary of the Northampton Chess Club, who defeated C. Cannell, the Wellingborough champion in the final round, and thus becomes the County champion for 1924.

Owing to an increased number of clubs in North Staffordshire, the final match for the Staffordshire "Hickman Cup" Competition has been somewhat delayed this year. The finalists, Hanley (North Staffs) and Wolverhampton (South Staffs), met at Stafford Institute, and as both teams have been playing very well this season, a keen match was anticipated. The result was a draw of four points each and the Cup will be held jointly.

| HANLEY. | | | | | | WOLVERHAMPTON. | | | | | |
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| 1 | T. A. Grant | .. | .. | .. | 0 | H. H. Norman | .. | .. | .. | 1 | |
| 2 | J. W. Dixon | .. | .. | .. | 0 | A. J. G. Butcher | .. | .. | .. | 1 | |
| 3 | Rev. W. M. Hooppell | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | J. Bowden | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 4 | J. A. Audley | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | J. H. Boulton | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 5 | W. V. Crosbie | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | W. Parker | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 6 | F. Cooper | .. | .. | .. | 1 | L. Williams | .. | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 7 | A. F. Harrison | .. | .. | .. | * $\frac{1}{2}$ | F. P. Pounce | .. | .. | .. | * $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 8 | L. Brindley | .. | .. | .. | 1 | C. J. Smyth | .. | .. | .. | 0 | |
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for the *Yorkshire Observer* trophy competition, and Leeds Blenheim won the final match. In the County Correspondence championship Yorkshire tied for fourth place. The committee record with deep regret the death of Mr. Edwin Woodhouse, and also of Mr. W. C. Wilson, president of the Bradford Chess Club. Several junior clubs have joined the Association, and the accounts show a healthy balance.

Richardson Cup Final.—The tie between Edinburgh and Glasgow C.C. was replayed on Saturday, 26th April, at Glasgow C.C. The games were again very closely contested, and the first results were two draws, Neilson *v.* Hives and Gibson *v.* Page. Then Dr. Macdonald secured the only win for Glasgow, but otherwise the later play went all against them, Sergeant, Lothian and Simpson scoring wins for Edinburgh, and thus deciding the issue. One game remained unfinished, and in this Marshall had a decided advantage, but as a win could not affect the result, a draw was asked and conceded. Edinburgh has now won the Richardson cup eight times and Glasgow twelve times altogether. Score:—

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| 2 | H. Jackson | .. | .. | .. | 0 | Dr. R. C. Macdonald | .. | .. | 1 |
| 3 | D. Simpson | .. | .. | .. | 1 | J. A. M'Kee | .. | .. | 0 |
| 4 | A. J. D. Lothian | .. | .. | .. | 1 | A. Murray | .. | .. | 0 |
| 5 | R. T. R. Sergeant | .. | .. | .. | 1 | J. R. Longwill | .. | .. | 0 |
| 6 | J. G. Thomson | .. | .. | .. | * 1/2 | J. Marshall | .. | .. | * 1/2 |
| 7 | G. W. Hives | .. | .. | .. | 1/2 | A. J. Neilson | .. | .. | 1/2 |
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* Result agreed.

The veteran Scottish player, J. D. Chambers, Penarth, won the tournament for the title of South Wales champion, played at Cardiff, with a score of 4. Raymond Allen, Cardiff, and G. W. Ffoulkes, Barry, scored 3 each, and W. D. Wight, Penarth, 2. Mr. Chambers was champion of Scotland in 1891-1892. He is the oldest member of the Glasgow Chess Club, and started playing chess at six years of age.

The twentieth annual meeting of the Edinburgh Ladies' Club was held on May 5th. They had reached the final of the Spens cup for the fourth time, but lost the final match. The club championship was won by Mrs. Ritchie, who won it in 1919.

At the annual meeting of the Glasgow Ladies' Chess Club it was reported that the club membership was nearly forty and that the past season had been a very successful one. The chief prize winners were: (1) Championship, Mrs. W. Thomson; (2) The "Gibb" Cup, Mrs. Brockett; (3) Second Class, Mrs. Reid; (4) Third Class, Mrs. J. F. Thomson. A lightning tournament was carried through during the afternoon, the two prize winners being Miss Gilchrist and Mrs. Young, in the order given.

The following officers were appointed for 1924-25: President, Mrs. M'Chlery; captain, Mrs. Reid; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Brockett.

The annual meeting of the Glasgow Central Chess Club was held on Tuesday, May 13th. The secretary reported that the past season had been a very successful one. Although they had failed to carry off the "Richardson" cup, they had won both the first and second division of the Glasgow Chess League. The second team, under the captainship of Mr. Gavin, had won every match played as already reported in the *B.C.M.* The championship had been won by D. M. McIsaac, A. M. Scott won the minor and A. R. Weir the second prize.

General satisfaction was expressed at the new rooms at 65 West Regent Street.

The following officers were elected: president, C. V. Craig; secretary, J. H. Whyte; treasurer, A. R. Weir.

At the annual general meeting of the Ludeagle Chess Club held on April 28th, F. L. Armstrong was elected president. Members of the Oxford and Cambridge teams for 1924 were elected hon. members of the club.

The championship was won by A. Fletcher, and the "Coombs" cup by Hayden Houlgate, who was the most successful for the club in league matches. E. Boam won the Handicap prize. The annual dinner was fixed for May 28th.

The championship of the Lincolnshire C.C.A. attracted a strong entry this year. The finalists were W. Bassett-Keeling of Louth and H. Moss of Sleaford, who played the final game on Saturday, May 10th, a well-contested game ending in a win for the latter. The trophy, a handsome Knight, presented to the Association by T. G. Hewett of Grimsby, thus again passed into the custody of the Sleaford player.

The championship of the Hampstead Chess Club has been won by M. E. Goldstein with the fine score of 8 wins, with 1 loss. The second and third prizes were divided between A. E. Mercer (holder), E. J. Randall and A. Wilson, with 6. The scores of the other competitors were: Mrs. Holloway, 5; W. W. Broughan and W. H. M. Kirk, 4; E. T. Bangert and E. M. Jellie, $2\frac{1}{2}$; H. G. Dowden, 1. A gratifying feature was the success of a new comer, A. Wilson, who acquitted himself admirably in higher company than that to which he had previously been accustomed.

The Hardman tournament was won by Garnet James with $6\frac{1}{2}$ out of 9; E. Williams was second with 6, and the third prize was divided between C. E. P. Brooks, W. Eldridge and F. L. Hall, each $5\frac{1}{2}$. Mr. James won the "North" tournament the previous season. It remains to be seen whether he can do the hat trick and win the championship next year.

The "North" tournament was won by M. H. Excell, the younger brother of the Cambridge half-blue, with the splendid score of 9 wins and 2 draws in 11 games. A. Malin, 8½, P. H. Cohen, 8, obtaining the remaining prizes.

The Winter continuous handicap tournament was won by N. Rhys (B1), with the high average of 98 per cent., C. E. P. Brooks (A3), A. E. Mercer (A1), A. W. L. Wright (B1), V. Buerger (A1), R. C. Griffith (A1) in the order given were the other prize winners.

For the third successive season the "A" League Team obtained the highest aggregate of points during the season's play.

The Individual championship for Middlesex has just been decided. There were twenty entrants who played on the knock-out principle until the semi-finals.

They were R. C. Griffith, who had eliminated P. W. Sergeant and H. S. Barnes, I. T. Sifton who had beaten G. P. Kitchener and J. M. Ewbank, M. E. Goldstein who had beaten H. Houlgate and J. W. Morling, and W. Jones who had beaten A. G. Kershaw, A. C. Sutton and W. E. Bonwick. These four should have played a small tournament with V. Buerger the holder, but owing to examinations the latter was unable to take part.

R. C. Griffith beat Sifton and Jones, while Goldstein beat Sifton and drew with Jones. In the deciding game between Griffith and Goldstein, Griffith secured a winning ending and then by a careless move threw away all his advantage and lost the game. Goldstein thus becomes in addition to champion of the Hampstead Chess Club, Individual champion of Middlesex. This honour seems to be reserved for Hampstead players!

Seventy-seven entries have been received for the Surrey C.C. Association's four individual competitions. Twenty entries for the championship have been divided as follows:—

Section A: R. C. J. Walker, E. McDonald, H. G. Felce, G. E. Wernick, P. W. Rampton, Dr. F. St. J. Steadman, W. L. Brierley, G. F. Mitchell, G. R. Hardcastle and L. R. L. Griffiths.

Section B: H. B. Uber, G. A. Felce, F. F. L. Alexander, E. J. Spencer, G. E. Smith, Dr. T. W. Letchworth, R. H. Birch, C. Collier, P. Howell and E. Titley.

There are also twenty entrants for the "Slater-Kennington" cup, eighteen for the "Felce" cup and nineteen for the "Wernick" cup. Play as usual will take place during the months of May, June and July, the first round being fixed for May 19th.

On page 345 of volume 43, we mentioned in our South African news that A. J. Friend had left to go and live at Tavistock. We have now to record that at the Tavistock Town Chess Club which has just concluded a most successful season, the championship has been won by A. J. Friend who defeated A. B. Treloar in the final of a knock-out tournament.

The advent of Mr. Friend to the club has added very much to the strength and enthusiasm; his kindness in helping on players who are less strong than himself is one of the qualities which endears him to all his fellow members.

We have received from the London Postal Chess League full particulars of their last season's competitions.

The "H. L. Forster" trophy was won by the Western District Office after a tie on points with the Inland Section, who took the challenge board as runners up. The "Sanderson" trophy was won by the Central Telegraph Office, the Individual championship by E. S. Shaw (E. C. and F.S.) who took the gold medal, the runner up being J. Tadgell (Phoenix) who takes the silver medal. E. W. Ostler (Inland Section), G. W. Easom (Central Telegraph Office), semi-finalists, bronze medals.

The "Dust" cup tourney which was presented as a memorial to the first editor of the *Manchester Evening News*, the late Mr. C. A. Dust, has attracted this year a record number of entries—170. It is run as a handicap tourney, divided into five classes. The holder is F. Walmsley who last year won from the fourth class. Several games in this year's contest have already been played.

J. Scotland has won the Robson medal for the best score in league matches for the second year in succession at the Newcastle Chess Club. The score was four out of a possible five.

SECOND-HAND CHESS BOOKS FOR SALE.

Chess Player's Handbook (Staunton), G. Bell, 1887, 2/6; *Chess Player's Companion* (Staunton), G. Bell, 1892, 2/5; Ditto, Bohn, 1861, 2/-; Ditto, Bohn, 1849, 2/-; *Social Chess* (J. Mason, 1899), 2/-; *Chess Problems* (J. and W. T. Pierce), Longmans, 1873, 2/-; *American Chess Nuts* (Cook, Henry and Gilberg), New York, 1868, nice copy, 10/-; *My Chess Career* (Capablanca), 1920, 5/-; *Chess Openings, Ancient and Modern*, by E. Freeborough, 1889, good copy, 3/6; *Chess Problems* (C. R. Baxter, 1883), 1/-; *Morphy's Games* (P. W. Sergeant), 1919, 3/-; *Charousek's Games* (P. W. Sergeant), 4/-; *Die Wiener Partie* (von Sandeleben), Leipzig, 1893, 1/-; 100 *Problemi di Scacchi* (G. B. Valle, Spezia, 1878), 1/6; *Schachiheorie* (Cordel, Berlin, 1888), 2/-; *St. Petersburg Tournament*, 1914, 1/6; *Schachlexikon* (Bauer, Vienna, 1889), 1/-; *Chess Openings* (J. Mason, 1897), 1/-; *Chess Problems*, by "J.B." of Bridport, 1865, 1/-; *Marshall's Chess Openings*, 1904, 2/-; *Chess Strategy* (Edward Lasker), 3/6; *The Book of Chess* (Selkirk, 1868), 2/- . Postage extra in all cases. Apply to R. H. S. Stevenson, 45 Clapham Road, London, S.W.9.

FOR SALE.

CARVED IVORY CHESSMEN, £1 15s. od.—Apply direct, Gregory, 27 Henderson Road, Wandsworth Common, London.

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Dante, Beatrice and the Divine Comedy, by Professor Tomlinson (Williams & Norgate, 14 Henrietta Street, 1894); *Original and Translated Sonnets from the Italian and Spanish* (Cornish & Co., 1881); also *The Second Player in the Openings*.

NEWS FROM THE DOMINIONS AND FOREIGN LANDS.

Australia.—There is a question of reviving the Melbourne Chess Association, to include suburban clubs, the University, some of the schools, the Y.M.C.A., and possibly a junior team from the Melbourne Chess Club.

There is now a flourishing chess club at the Longerenong Agricultural College, Doorn, Victoria, of which the president is Mr. A. C. Drevermann, Principal of the College.

New Zealand.—The two special prizes given by Mr. Dirk Pihl, of Christchurch, in connection with the recent N.Z. championship tournament, have been awarded by the judges (Messrs. Davies, Balk and Combs, the Otago members of the N.Z. Adjudication Board) as follows: brilliancy prize to F. L. Vaughan for his win against E. A. Hicks; and "best recovery" prize to F. K. Kelling for his draw against S. Crackanthorpe.

East Africa.—At the eighth annual general meeting of the Nairobi C.C. it was stated that the club is in a very satisfactory condition as regards both membership (thirty-eight, *i.e.*, seven more than last year) and finance. Mr. S. Menkin is the new president.

France.—In a match played at the Echecs du Palais Royal, Paris, in February, Max Romih (who will be remembered by visitors to the Margate congress last year) beat our friend Dr. S. F. Smith by 5—4, with two draws.

The French national congress will be held at Strasbourg, September 4th—11th. Invitations to play in the championship tournament have been issued to G. Renaud (present champion), A. Muffang, Fred. Lazard and A. Gibaud.

La Stratégie states that at the Amateur International Tournament in Paris, July 13th—20th, the French Chess Federation will propose the formation of an International Chess Federation.

The first "propaganda" tournament of the French Chess Federation held in Paris at Easter, was won by Boris Weingourt, after a tie with P. Helluin.

At Toulon on April 13th the Hyères C.C. (headed by A. J. Maas) beat the local team 4—0.

Holland.—M. Euwe played a match with the former Belgian champion, E. Colle, April 4th—11th, and won by 5—3.

The Dutch team which is to travel to Brussels and Paris to play matches *v.* Belgium and France at Whitsuntide will be composed of: M. Euwe, W. Fick, L. Fick, te Kolste, van Foreest, Weenink, Strick van Linschoten, Rueb, Schelfhout, and van Hoorn, with Piccardt and R. Meyer as reserves.

The competitors invited to take part in the Dutch championship at Amsterdam, July 22nd—August 2nd, are : Messrs. Euwe, Davidson, Kersten, Straat, Oskam, de Haas, Fontein, Loman, Olland, Speyer, Kroone and Kruit.

The tournament for the championship of the "Discendo Discimus" Club at The Hague during the past season was won by Fontein with a score of $6\frac{1}{2}$ points in 8 games, the remaining prize-winners being Rueb (6), te Kolste (5), and Loman ($4\frac{1}{2}$). We are glad to see the last-named still to the fore!

Switzerland.—The twenty-eighth annual congress of the Swiss Chess Federation will be held at Interlaken, July 20th—27th.

Belgium.—The inter-club championship of Belgium has again been won by the Cercle Philidor, of Brussels.

Italy.—A national masters tournament will be held at Foligno in the second half of September, open to Italians and permanent residents in Italy.

Germany.—At the twelfth congress of the [Saxon Chess Association, held at Meissen, April 18th—21st, L. Steiner, of Budapest, won the first prize, with 6 points in 7 games. M. Blumich was second, with 5 points.

Denmark.—A tournament for the mastership of Copenhagen has been won by J. Giersing, after a tie with S. Kinch at $5\frac{1}{2}$ points each in 7 games; E. Anderson was third, with $4\frac{1}{2}$.

Argentina.—In the match for the Argentine championship between Benito H. Villegas and Damian M. Reca the first two games were drawn and the third was won by Señor Reca.

On March 30th a match was played by teams of 8 a-side, representing Argentina and Brazil, the latter winning three and losing one of the finished games, while one was drawn. We have not yet news of adjudication of the remaining three games.

OBITUARY.

We regret to have to announce the deaths, on April 11th and May 1st respectively, of Messrs. J. F. Wilkinson and O. R. Field. The former was born at Rotherham and played for the North v. the South in 1893 and 1894. In 1912 he came to Kent and played, first for Gravesend, and then for some years for Sydenham. After the war he went to Egypt, whence he returned only a few months ago. Mr. Field was the popular hon. secretary of the Northfleet Factory C.C., and on frequent occasions played for Kent in the big matches.

CHESS FOR BEGINNERS

(Continued from page 206.)

The printer was responsible for an amusing comment in my solution of Problem 145. "White won the end game, though they could not *restrain* their two Bishops." Bishops are high dignatories, and are possibly above restraint, but the word I wrote was *retain*. Those who did send solutions to this problem, even without the help of text-books, did remarkably well, and I wish time permitted me to quote some of their suggestions, but as usual my time is running short, and I have several more moves to make! Quite a number failed to appreciate the defences possible to Black in 146, and also did not give the best replies for White, but it was a difficult position to solve. Nearly all solvers thought 147 pretty, and I hope enjoyed finding the solution. Rather to my surprise most of the solvers saw the winning line in 148, the adjudicators, as the match was already decided did not spend long at it, and agreed on a draw, which was hard lines on White; but if he had the winning line in view he ought to have pointed it out, at the conclusion of the game.

Five new solvers this month whom I am very pleased to welcome. Thirty-five of last month's list sent in, but two or three of the regulars failed. A. D. C. Amos heads the ladder for the second time with 338, 4, 3, 5, 5, 355, and his score is therefore cancelled. The other scores were C. Ellice, 306, 4, 1, 5, 5, 321; Rev. J. B. Bourne (1), 270, 2, 3, 5, 5, 285; "R.W.E.", 257, 4, 4, 5, 5, 275; "G.A.W." (1), 250, 4, 3, 5, 5, 267; C. C. Excell, 245, -, -, 5, 2, 252; "N.M." (2), sent problem 147, 233, 4, 3, -, 5, 245; "A.W.T.H.", 208, 4, 2, 5, 5, 224; H.D.B. (India), 202, (141/4), 5, 5, -, 2, 216; T. E. Storrs, 185, 4, 3, 5, 5, 202; D. E. Budge (1), 179, 4, 2, 5, 5, 195; "C.P." (1), 178, 3, 2, 5, 2, 190; J. Allcock, 171, -, 3, 5, 5, 184; J. A. Evans (1), 149, 2, 2, 5, 5, 163; "J.W.T.", 145, 3, 1, 5, 5, 159; C. J. Cole (1), 140, 4, 2, 5, 5, 156; A. E. Smith (1), 136, 5, 2, 5, 2, 150; Wm. Skirrow (1), 133, 4, 3, 5, 5, 150; "F.H." (1), 125, 3, 3, 5, -, 136; C. Skertchley, 95, 4, 3, 5, 2, 109; C. H. Jago, 89, 3, 2, 5, 2, 101; "Tyro" (1), 86, 3, 2, 5, 5, 101; D. R. Langton (1), 83, 2, 3, 5, 5, 98; "Clare," 77, 4, 3, 5, 5, 94; "Worton," 72, 3, 2, 5, 5, 87; A. Lockley (1), 75, 3, 2, 5, 1, 86; A. G. Allen (2), 61, 4, 3, 5, 5, 78; J. C. Derlien, 66, -, 2, 5, 2, 75; H. M. Baldrey (1), 61, 2, 2, 5, 5, 75; L. Illingworth, 74, no solutions; "M.K.", 67, no solutions; R. N. Murray, 66, no solutions; "Tutankhamen," 60, no solutions; "A.M.H." (1) 60, no solutions; C. G. Caldecott, 41, 1, 2, 5, 5, 54; "Moseley" (1), 36, 4, 3, 5, 2, 50; F. M. Reade (1), 34, 2, 2, 5, 5, 48; "C.S.M." (1), 40, no solutions; "J.E.D.", 18, 3, 2, 5, 5, 33; "Beta," 18, 3, 3, 5, 2, 31; "Merx," 18, -, 2, 5, 5, 30; Fawcett Newell, 4, 4, 5, 5, 18; S. Y. Harwich, 4, 3, 5, 5, 17; M. G. Kendall, 4, 4, 5, 2, 15; J. M. Holford, -, 2, 5, 3, 10; Rev. A. H. Tollit, -, -, 5, -, 5

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.—“H.D.B.”—Glad you got the magazines in the end. Wm. Skirrow.—Printers’ error, not mine! T. E. Storrs, A. D. C. Amos.—Quite so, but an adjudicator can only take the position as it stands, that is the rub. “R.W.E.”—Have not succeeded in finding someone to take over the News, or would have elaborated answers. “Moseley”—Please send name and address.

The solution of Problem 149 has not so far as I know been satisfactorily accomplished; at the best, in my opinion, Black has a very difficult game, and would against a student of the Ruy Lopez opening have a lost game. The same position occurred quite recently in the Western Congress, between Sir G. A. Thomas and J. H. Blake and was continued 11... Kt—B 4; 12 Kt—Q 4! (if 12 B—B 2, P—Q 5!), Kt×Kt; 13 P×Kt, Kt—Kt 2; 14 P—B 4, Q—Q 2; 15 B—B 2, P—K B 4; 16 Kt—B 3, P—B 4; 17 P×P, Kt×P; 18 Kt—Q 4, P—Kt 3; 19 R—Q 1, K R—Q 1; 20 B—K 3. Sir George kept up the pressure on the Queen’s Pawn, and eventually while Black was exercising ingenuity to defend it, transferred his attack to the King’s side and won the King’s Knight’s Pawn, finally getting his opponent into a mating net. Other lines of play might be (after 12 Kt—Q 4), 12... Kt×Kt; 13 P×Kt, Kt×B (this leaves the Queen’s Bishops’ Pawn weak on the open file); 14 Kt×Kt, Q—Q 2; 15 B—K 3 or 12... Q—Q 2; 13 B—B 2, P—B 4; 14 P×P *e.p.*, B×P; 15 Q Kt—Kt 3, Kt×Kt (Kt 6); 16 Kt×Kt (Kt 3), B—B 2; 17 P—K B 4, P—Q 5, as analysed by J. Malkin in a German periodical a few years ago. The same authority remarks that if 11... B—K B 4; 12 R—Q 1, Kt—R 4; 13 Kt—Q 4 gives White the better of it. Although advocated by several masters as a fighting defence to the Ruy Lopez I do not believe that 5... Kt×P gives Black as much chance as the quieter continuation of 5... B—K 2.

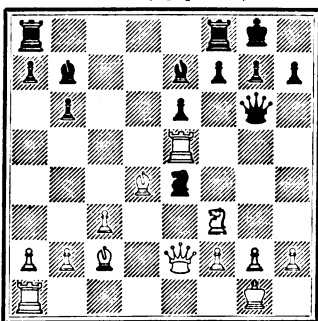
Problem No. 150 was from a game between Charousek and Fahndrich played in Vienna, 1897, which is given in full in *Chess Masterpieces*, published by *Daily News*, Ltd., and edited by W. H. Watts, reviewed elsewhere in this month’s magazine. Charousek won by the surprise move of 27 R—Q 6 which threatens 28 R×Kt, Q×R; 29 Kt—B 5, Q—Kt 3; 30 Kt—Q 7 ch winning. The game was continued 27... P×R; 28 Kt×P, Q—B 2; 29 Q—Q 5, R—K B 1; 30 R×R ch, Kt×R; 31 Q×P ch, Q—Kt 3; 32 Q—K 8 ch, K—B 2; 33 Kt—Kt 5 ch, K—Kt 2; 34 Q—B 7 ch, Resigns, for if 34... K—R 3 then 35 Kt—B 7 ch, K—Kt 2; 36 Kt—Q 5 dis ch followed by Kt×Q.

Problem No. 151 is by Dr. H. Neustadtl and is a win for White by 1 K—Q 4, K—B 3; 2 K—B 4, K—Q 3; 3 K—Kt 5, K—Q 4!; 4 K—Kt 6, K—Q 3; 5 K—Kt 7!, K—Q 2; 6 P—R 5, K—Q 3; 7 K—B 8, K—K 4; 8 K—Q 7, K—B 5; 9 K—K 6. If 5 P—R 5?, K—K 4; 6 K—B 6, K—B 5; 7 K—Q 6, K×P; 8 K—K 6, K—Kt 4; If 3... K—K 4; 4 K—B 5, P—R 4; 5 P×P, K×P; 6 K—Q 5 or 4... K—B 5; 5 K—Q 5, K×P; 6 K—K 6.

Problem No. 152 by the late W. T. Pierce is only a draw if White plays correctly he must not allow the Black Rook to move on to Black's 5th rank. 1 K—R 3, if 1.., K—Kt 2; 2 R—B 1, R—R 3; 3 R—K 1!, K—B 2; 4 R—Q R 1, K—Kt 3; 5 R—Kt 1 ch, K—B 4; 6 R—B 1 ch. If 1.., R—Kt 1; 2 R—B 1, R—R 1; 3 R—B 6. If 1.., R—K B 1; 2 R—B 4!, R—R 1; 3 R—B 6. If 1.., R—Q B 1; 2 R—Kt 6 ch, K—R 2; 3 R—Kt 4. If 1.., R—R 2; 2 R—Q 6, K—B 1; 3 R—Q R 6.

Problem No. 153.

BLACK (13 pieces)



WHITE (13 pieces)

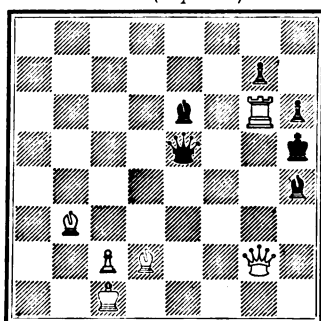
Black to play.

How should he continue?

Give next five moves.

Problem No. 154.

BLACK (6 pieces)

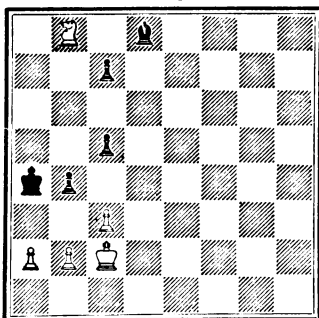


WHITE (6 pieces)

White to play and mate in three.

Position No. 155.

BLACK (5 pieces)



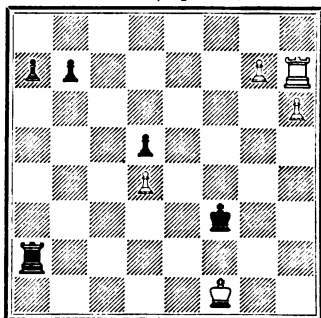
WHITE (5 pieces)

White to play.

What result and how?

Position No. 156.

BLACK (5 pieces)



WHITE (5 pieces)

White to play.

What result and how?

Solutions to be sent to R. C. Griffith, 18 Wedderburn Road, London, N.W.3, by June 30th, 1924.

GAME DEPARTMENT

GAME NO. 5,236.

Played on April 24th, in the Major Open tournament at Weston-super-Mare. Notes by G.A.T.

Four Knights' Opening.

WHITE

BLACK

J. A. J. DREWITT Sir G. A. THOMAS

- | | |
|------------|------------|
| 1 P—K 4 | 1 P—K 4 |
| 2 Kt—K B 3 | 2 Kt—Q B 3 |
| 3 Kt—B 3 | 3 Kt—B 3 |
| 4 B—Kt 5 | 4 B—Kt 5 |
| 5 Castles | 5 Castles |
| 6 P—Q 3 | 6 P—Q 3 |
| 7 B—Kt 5 | 7 B×Kt |

.....An essential preliminary to the line of action commencing with 8..., P—K R 3. For if P—K R 3 at once, then of course 8 B×K Kt with advantage (if 8..., Q×B; 9 Kt—Q 5 followed by 10 B×Kt).

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| 8 P×B | 8 P—K R 3 |
| 9 B—K R 4 | 9 Q—K 2 |

.....It is perhaps better to play K—R 1 first, reserving the Queen move for a time. In most cases this will merely result in transposition of moves: now and again, however, it may be the means of saving Black a move, if White can be induced to capture the King's Knight before the Black Queen moves.

- 10 R—Q Kt 1

More usual, and probably better, is 10 R—K 1, with a view to action in the centre. The text-move, however, sets a possible trap: for if Black now attacks the Queen's Rook's Pawn by 10 ... B—K 3, then 11 P—Q 4!, (if B×P: 12 R—Kt 2, B—K 3; 13 P—Q 5 wins.

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|-----------|-------------|
| 11 Q—Q 2 | 10 K—R 1 |
| 12 B×K Kt | 11 R—K Kt 1 |
| 13 B—R 4 | 12 Q×B |

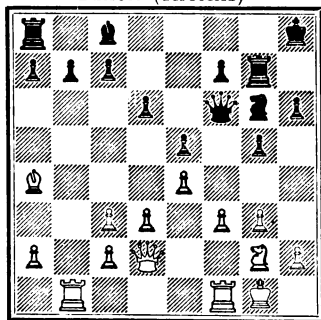
To hamper the development of Black's Queen's Rook and Queen's

Bishop by the attack on the Queen's Knight's Pawn. But Black now has the initiative, with prospects of a strong attack as soon as his Knight arrives on the King's wing. White should therefore have reduced Black's attacking chances by 13 B×Kt.

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|-------------|
| 13 Kt—K 2 |
| 14 Kt—K 1 |
| 15 P—B 3 |
| 16 P—Kt 3 |
| 17 Kt—Kt 2 |
| 14 P—K Kt 4 |
| 15 Kt—Kt 3 |
| 16 R—Kt 2 |

Position after 17 Kt—Kt 2.

BLACK (THOMAS)



WHITE (DREWITT)

17 B—R 6

- 18 R×P

Having a difficult game now, in any case, White decided to take the Pawn and risk the consequences. But 18 R—B 2 was essential. Black could not then have offered the Knight sacrifice; and his attack, though still powerful, might not have proved decisive.

18 Kt—R 5

- 19 P×Kt

If 19 Kt×Kt, P×Kt: 20 R—B 2, P×P; 21 P×P, R×P ch; 22 K—R 1 (22 K—R 2, Q—R 5), Q R—K Kt 1; 23 R—Kt 1, R×P wins.

- 19 P×P
 20 R—B 2 20 Q R—K Kt 1
 21 K—R 1 21 B×Kt ch
Not 21... R×Kt; 22
 R×R, Q×P; 23 Q×P mate!
 22 R×B 22 P—R 6
Or 22... Q×P; 23 R—
 Kt 1 (if 23 Q×P ch, R—R 2;
 24 Q—Q 2, Q—B 8 ch), P—R 6.
- 23 R—Q Kt 1
 Of course if 23 R—K Kt 3, Q×
 P ch.
 23 R×R
 24 Q—K 3 24 Q—Kt 3
 25 B—Q 7 25 R×R P ch
 26 Resigns
 Mr. Drewitt does not often give
 an opponent such liberal oppor-
 tunities.

GAME NO. 5,237.

Played on April 21st, in the Major Open tournament at Weston-
 super-Mare. Notes by G.A.T.

Ruy Lopez.

- | WHITE | BLACK |
|------------------|-------------|
| Sir G. A. THOMAS | J. H. BLAKE |
| 1 P—K 4 | 1 P—K 4 |
| 2 Kt—K B 3 | 2 Kt—Q B 3 |
| 3 B—Kt 5 | 3 P—Q R 3 |
| 4 B—R 4 | 4 Kt—B 3 |
| 5 Castles | 5 Kt×P |
| 6 P—Q 4 | 6 P—Q Kt 4 |
| 7 B—Kt 3 | 7 P—Q 4 |
| 8 P×P | 8 B—K 3 |
| 9 P—B 3 | 9 B—K 2 |
| 10 Q Kt—Q 2 | 10 Castles |
| 11 Q—K 2 | |

One of the strongest continua-
 tions, though it does not seem very
 popular in tournament play. It
 was analysed a good deal about
 three years ago.

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| 11 Kt—B 4 |
| 12 Kt—Q 4 |
| 13 P×Kt |
| 12 Kt×Kt |
| 13 Kt—Kt 2 |

.....Some analysts (I believe)
 advocate 13... Kt—Q 2. But
 though that move has its points,
 the text-move, leaving Q 2 avail-
 able for the Queen, seems to me
 to be preferable. There was a
 very interesting game, Znosko-
 Borovsky v. Euwe, at Broadstairs
 (1921), in which Black played 13...
 Kt—Q 2, and White early secured
 a tremendous attack. The remain-
 ing alternative, 13... Kt×B,
 allows White to control Black's
 Q B 4, leaving Black with a
 distinctly inferior Pawn formation.

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| 14 P—B 4 | 14 Q—Q 2 |
| 15 B—B 2 | 15 P—K B 4 |
|If 15... B—K B 4, there might follow 16 B—Q 1, threaten- ing P—K Kt 4, etc. | |
| 16 Kt—B 3 | 16 P—B 4 |
| 17 P×P | 17 Kt×P |
| 18 Kt—Q 4 | 18 P—Kt 3 |
| 19 R—Q 1 | 19 K R—Q 1 |
| 20 B—K 3 | 20 K—Kt 2 |
| 21 Q R—B 1 | 21 P—Kt 5? |
|A mistake, after which Black has a very difficult game; 21... Q R—B 1 was the natural continuation. | |
| 22 Kt×B | 22 Kt×Kt |
|For now he must re- capture with the Knight, allowing the White Bishop to return to Q Kt 3 with effect; 22... Q×Kt would lose a Pawn by 23 B×P, P×B; 24 B×Kt, B×B; 25 R× B, Kt—Kt 3; 26 Q—B 2. | |
| 23 B—Kt 3 | 23 Q—Kt 2 |
| 24 Q—B 3 | |

Pinning, as well as attacking,
 the Queen's Pawn.

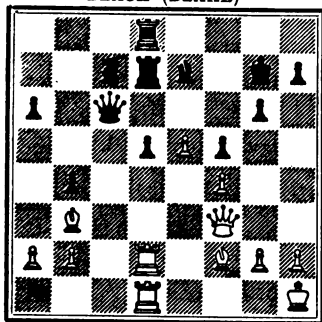
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|-----------|
| 24 Kt—B 2 |
| 25 R—B 2 |
| 26 B—Q 4 |
| 25 R—Q 2 |
| 26 Kt—K 3 |

.....26... K—B 2 would have
 allowed a pretty finish by 27 R×
 Kt, Q×R; 28 P—K 6 ch, K×P;
 29 B×P ch, R×B; 30 R—K 1 ch,
 K—Q 3; 31 B—K 5 ch, R×B;
 32 P×R ch, K moves; 33 Q×R.

27 B—K B 2 27 Q R—Q 1
 28 Q R—Q 2 28 Kt—B 2
 29 K—R 1 29 Q—B 3

Position after 29., Q—B 3.

BLACK (BLAKE)



WHITE (THOMAS)

.....This and the following move allowed White to switch his attack onto the Queen's Bishop's file with fatal effect. But it is

difficult to suggest a satisfactory continuation here.

30 R—B 2 30 Q—Kt 4
 31 K R—Q B 1 31 Kt—R 1

.....Other moves with the Knight are no more satisfactory. For example 31..., Kt—K 3; 32 R—B 6, Kt—B 1 (if 32... K—B 2; 33 R—Kt 6, Q—R 4; 34 R×Kt, K×R; 35 R—B 6 ch, etc.); 33 P—K 6, R—Q 3; 34 B—Q 4 ch, K—Kt 1 (if 34... B—B 3; 35 R—B 7 ch); 35 R (B 6)—B 5, with advantage.

32 B—Q 4 32 K—B 1
 33 Q—R 3 33 P—K R 4
 34 Q—Kt 3 34 R—Kt 2

.....If 34..., K—B 2; 35 P—K 6 ch wins.

35 Q×P 35 Q—K 1
 36 Q—R 6 ch 36 K—Kt 1
 37 P—K 6 37 Resigns

GAME No. 5,238.

Played in the same tournament. Notes by J. H. Blake.

Sicilian Defence.

| WHITE | BLACK |
|--------------------|------------|
| E. SNOSKO-BOROWSKI | M. EUWE |
| 1 P—K 4 | 1 P—Q B 4 |
| 2 Kt—K B 3 | 2 Kt—Q B 3 |
| 3 P—Q 4 | 3 P×P |
| 4 Kt×P | 4 Kt—B 3 |
| 5 Kt—Q B 3 | 5 P—Q 3 |
| 6 B—K 2 | 6 P—K 3 |

.....6., P—K Kt 3 was in vogue for many years, but there is now amongst the regular adherents of the *Sicilian Defence* a reversion to the older practice of keeping the King's Bishop in the centre.

7 Castles 7 B—K 2
 8 B—K 3 8 Castles
 9 Kt—Kt 3

An advisable preliminary to the intended advance of the King's Bishop's Pawn; for if 9 P—B 4 Black could get a comfortable game by 9..., P—K 4.

9 P—Q R 3
 10 P—K B 4 10 P—Q Kt 4
 11 B—B 3 11 B—Kt 2
 12 Kt—K 2

Conceding too easily the control of the centre squares; 12 Q—K 1 retains this.

13 Kt×Kt 12 Kt—Q R 4
 14 Kt—Kt 3 13 Q×Kt
 15 P—B 3 14 Q R—B 1
 16 Q—Kt 3 15 K R—Q 1
 17 P—K 5 16 P—Q 4
 18 Kt—K 2 17 Kt—K 5

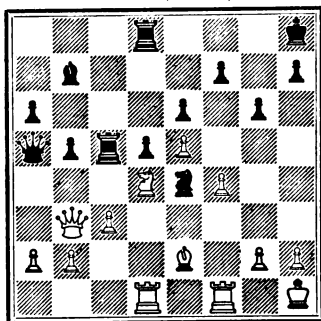
It would be better to keep open the possibility of exchanging the domineering Black Knight, and of playing P—B 5 later. 18 Q R—Q 1 is indicated.

18 B—B 4
 19 B×B 19 R×B
 20 Q R—Q 1 20 R—B 5

21 Kt—Q 4 21 P—K Kt 3
 22 K—R 1 22 K—R 1
 23 B—K 2 23 R—B 4

Position after 23... R—B 4.

BLACK (EUWE)



WHITE (SNOSKO-BOROWSKI)

24 Q—B 2 ?

He could equalise by 24 Q—Kt 4, Q×Q (24... Q—Kt 3; 25 Kt—Kt 3 and 26 Q—Q 4); 25 P×Q, R—B 2; 26 R—B 1, K R—Q B 1; 27 R×R, R×R; 28 K—Kt 1, to be followed by 29 R—Q 1, then crossing with his King to K 1; the Black Knight, although in a strong position, has then no flight square, and the Black Bishop no range; without active aid from these auxiliaries Black's open file is of very small value. This was the penultimate round, and White's forecast of probabilities may have led him to conclude that he must play for a win: if so, it was singularly falsified in the result: by drawing this game White would

have shared in a triple tie for the three prizes.

24 Q—Kt 3
 25 P—Q R 3 25 P—Q R 4
 26 B—Q 3 26 P—Kt 5
 27 R P×P 27 P×P
 28 Kt—Kt 3

White's dilemma is now serious. He cannot play 28 P—B 4 on account of 28... P×P; 29 B×Kt, B×B; 30 Q×B, Q R—Q 4! nor 28 Q—Kt 3 on account of 28... Kt×P!; 29 P×Kt, R×P; nor 28 B×Kt, P×B; 29 P—B 4 because of 29... Q R—B 1; 30 Kt—K 2 (30 Kt—Kt 5, R×R; 31 R×R, Q×Kt!), P—Kt 6; 31 Q moves, R×P or B—Q 4 accordingly.

28 Q R—B 1
 29 B×Kt 29 P×B
 30 P—B 4

30 R×R ch, Q×R: 31 R—B 1 gives a little more prospect of holding out. Black now finishes very elegantly.

30 B—Q 4!
 31 R—Q 4 31 B×P!
 32 R×B 32 Q—R 3!
 33 Kt—Q 2 33 P—K 6
 34 P—Q Kt 3 34 P×Kt
 35 R—Q 1 35 R×R
 36 P×R 36 Q—R 6
 37 P—Kt 3 37 Q—Q B 6
 38 Q—K 4 38 P—Kt 6
 39 K—Kt 2 39 Q—B 7
 40 Resigns

GAME No. 5,239.

Played in the same tournament. Notes by J. H. Blake.

Giuoco Piano (in effect), Max Lange Attack.

WHITE BLACK
 Capt. P. D. BOLLAND C. DUFFIELD

1 P—K 4 1 P—K 4
 2 B—B 4 2 Kt—K B 3
 3 P—Q 4 3 P×P
 4 Kt—K B 3 4 B—B 4

..... Black can take the second Pawn quite safely, and on 5 Q×P play ... Kt—K B 3.

5 Castles 5 Kt—B 3
 6 P—K 5 6 P—Q 4
 7 P×Kt 7 P×B
 8 R—K 1 ch 8 B—K 3

9 Kt—Kt 5 9 Q—Q 4
 10 Kt—B 3 10 Q—B 4
 11 Q Kt—K 4 11 B—B 1

.....11... Castles Q R, formerly supposed to disprove the attack, has fallen into discredit since the game between Marshall and Tarrasch, Hamburg, 1910. 11... B—Kt 3 and 11... B—Q 3 stand no better; the text-move is now considered to represent the only way in which Black's game can be held.

12 Kt×B P

Avoiding the most piquant variation, which is as follows: 12 P—K Kt 4, Q×P ch; 13 Q×Q, B×Q; 14 P×P, B×P; 15 Kt—B 6 ch, K—B 1; 16 K Kt×P ch, R×Kt; 17 Kt×R ch, K—Kt 1; 18 Kt—Kt 5, Kt—Kt 5; 19 R—K 7, Kt×P; 20 R—Kt 1, B—R 4; 21 R×Q B P, P—Kt 4; 22 B—Q 2 or P—B 4, B—Kt 3, and White has no satisfactory line left. 16 Kt×B would have been no better, because of 16... P—K R 4 winning the Knight.

13 Kt—Kt 5 ch 13 K—Kt 1

.....*The Handbuch* gives here 13... K—Kt 3: 14 Kt×B, P×P; 15 P—K Kt 4, Q—Q R 4; 16 B—B 4, B—Q 3, with ultimate advantage to Black (from a game defended by Dr. Lasker)

14 Kt×B 14 Q×P (B 3)

.....An analysis in the *Deutsche Schachzeitung*, 1901, gave 14... R—K 1; 15 Kt×B P (15 P×P, B×P; 16 Kt×P, R×R ch; 17 Q×R, B—K 4; 18 Kt—Q 5, K—B 2), R×R ch; 16 Q×R, P×P, with advantage to Black.

15 Q—K 2 15 R—K 1

.....This gives away his extra Pawn too cheaply; 15 P—Q 6 should come first; after 16 P×P, R—K 1 he then threatens ... Kt—Q 5.

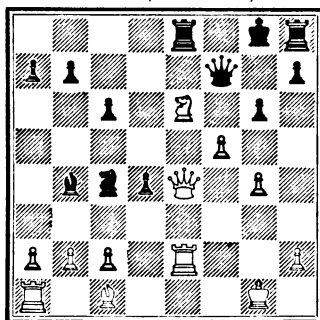
16 Q×P 16 Q—B 2
 17 P—B 4 17 P—K Kt 3

.....He should rather court than hinder White's intention to play P—B 5; thus 17... P—K R 4; 18 P—B 5, P—R 5; 19 R—B 1, R—R 4, and the attack has passed into Black's hands; that obtained by the method pursued is very short-lived, and only helps White to get rid of weaknesses in his position.

18 P—K Kt 4 18 Kt—R 4
 19 Q—Q 5 19 B—Kt 5
 20 R—K 2 20 P—B 3
 21 Q—K 4 21 Kt—B 5
 22 P—B 5

Position after 22 P—B 5.

BLACK (DUFFIELD)



WHITE (BOLLAND)

22 B—B 4

.....Losing a piece! 22... B—R 4; 23 Q—Q 3, Kt—Q 3 is necessary.

23 Q—Q 3 23 B—Kt 3
 24 Kt—Kt 5! 24 R×R

.....A forlorn hope indeed!

25 Kt×Q 25 R×Q B P
 26 P×P 26 P—K R 4
 27 Kt×R

Better still was 27 K—B 1!

27 Kt—K 4
 28 Q—B 5 28 P—Q 6 ch
 29 K—R 1 29 R—K 7
 30 B—R 6 30 R×P ch
 31 K×R 31 Kt×P ch
 32 K—Kt 2 32 Resigns

GAME No. 5,240.

Played in the same tournament. Notes by J. H. Blake.

Four Knights' Opening.

| WHITE | BLACK |
|------------------|------------|
| G. E. WAINWRIGHT | M. EUWE |
| 1 P—K 4 | 1 P—K 4 |
| 2 Kt—K B 3 | 2 Kt—Q B 3 |
| 3 Kt—B 3 | 3 Kt—B 3 |
| 4 B—Kt 5 | 4 B—Kt 5 |
| 5 Castles | 5 Castles |
| 6 P—Q 3 | 6 P—Q 3 |
| 7 B—Kt 5 | 7 Kt—K 2 |
| 8 B×Kt | |

Although no final conclusion has been reached on the point, practice favours rather 8 Kt—K R 4, postponing the exchange; then follows 8... P—B 3; 9 B—Q B 4, P—Q 4; 10 B—Kt 3, Q—Q 3; 11 Q—B 3 or P—B 4.

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| | 8 P×B |
| 9 Kt—K R 4 | 9 Kt—Kt 3 |
| 10 Kt×Kt | |

Bardeleben recommends 10 Kt—B 5.

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| | 10 R P×Kt |
| 11 P—K B 4 | 11 K—Kt 2 |
| 12 B—B 4 | |

The same authority holds that here 11 P—B 5 is both consequent and necessary; the drawback to that line is that it enables Black to shut out White's Bishop by ... P—B 3 and ... P—Q 4. A game Shories v. Gunston (Oxford, 1910) was continued 12 Q—B 3, B—B 4 ch; 13 K—R 1, P×P; 14 Q×P, B—Q 5!; 15 B—B 4, R—R 1, with advantage to Black.

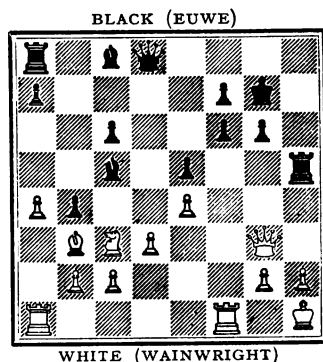
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| | 12 P—B 3 |
| 13 Q—B 3 | 13 R—R 1 |
| 14 P×P | 14 Q P×P |
| 15 Q—Kt 3 | |

15 Kt—K 2 was played by Dr. Tarrasch and Mr. Yates, the opponent in each instance being Spielmann.

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| | 15 B—B 4 ch |
| 16 K—R 1 | 16 P—Q Kt 4 |

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| 17 B—Kt 3 | 17 R R 4 |
| 18 P—Q R 4 | 18 P—Kt 5 |

Position after 18... P—Kt 5.



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| 19 Kt—K 2 | |
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Probably the turning point of the game. 19 Kt—Q 1, intending to follow with Kt—K 3 and R—B 3 is a good alternative line.

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| | 19 Q—K 2 |
| 20 Kt—Kt 1 | 20 B—Q 2 |
| 21 Kt—B 3 | 21 Q R—R 1 |
| 22 Q R—Q 1 | |

This Rook should undoubtedly have gone to K 1, but then the advance of Black's King's Knight's Pawn, followed by ... K—B 1 renders White very uncomfortable.

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| | 22 B—K 6 |
| 23 Q—K 1 | 23 B—B 5 |
| 24 P—R 3 | |

24 P—Kt 3 is equally bad, because of 24... B—Kt 5: 25 P×B, B×Kt ch: 26 R×B, R×P ch, and wins.

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|--------|----------|
| | 24 B×P! |
| 25 P×B | 25 Q—Q 2 |
| | and wins |

.....For if 26 P—R 4, Q—R 6 ch: 27 K—Kt 1, Q—Kt 5 ch, and the White Queen is lost.

GAME No. 5,241.

Played in the same tournament. Notes by J. H. Blake.

Irregular Opening.

WHITE

BLACK

A. J. MACKENZIE Sir G. A. THOMAS

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|------------|------------|
| 1 P—Q 4 | 1 Kt—K B 3 |
| 2 P—Q B 4 | 2 P—K Kt 3 |
| 3 Kt—Q B 3 | 3 B—Kt 2 |
| 4 P—K 4 | 4 P—Q 3 |
| 5 P—B 4 | |

King's side (owing mainly to loss of time with the Queen) he should seek compensation on the other wing. Black's last move indicated that he did not want 12 P—Q 6 and 13 P—B 5; White should therefore play 12 P—Q Kt 4, still threatening that advance. 12..., P—Q R 4 is not a tenable reply owing to 13 P×B P and 14 Kt—Q 5.

Probably a better plan is that originated by Schlechter and occasionally practised since by Rubinstein, of playing 5 K Kt—K 2 6 P—K Kt 3 and 7 B—Kt 2. A few examples of the text-move occurred in the Carlsbad tournament of last year, a notable one being in the game between Niemzowitsch and Sir G. A. Thomas (won by Black); the opening ran thus; 5 P—B 4, Castles; 6 B—K 2, P—B 3; 7 Kt—B 3, Q Kt—Q 2; 8 P—K 5, Kt—K 1; 9 B—K 3, Kt—B 2; 10 Q—Q 2, P—B 3; 11 Castles Q R, Q—K 1; 12 P×Q P, K P×P; 13 Q R—K 1, P—Q 4; 14 P—B 5. In the same tournament Bogoljuboff against the same opponent played 6 Kt—B 3, K Kt—Q 2; 7 B—K 3, P—K 4; 8 B P×P, P×P; 9 P—Q 5, Kt—K B 3; 10 B—Q 3, Q Kt—Q 2; 11 B—B 2, Q—K 2; 12 Q—K 2, P—Q R 4; 13 Castles Q R, and White eventually won.

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| | 5 Castles |
| 6 Kt—B 3 | 6 P—B 3 |
| 7 Q—B 2 | |
| 7 B—K 2 was better. | |
| | 7 Kt—R 4 |
| 8 B—K 3 | 8 Q—B 2 |
| 9 Q—Q 2 | 9 P—K 4 |
| 10 B P×P | 10 P×P |
| 11 P—Q 5 | 11 P—Kt 3 |
| 12 B—Q 3 | |

K 2 is still a better square for the Bishop: but as he has already a slightly inferior game on the

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| | 12 P—K B 4 |
| 13 P—K Kt 3 | 13 B—Kt 2 |

.... This was somewhat hazardous, and might have provoked serious difficulties later, as the Bishop is wanted for the present to guard K 3 and K B 4. 13..., Kt—Q 2 and 14..., Q Kt—B 3 would avoid those difficulties.

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| 14 Castles | 14 Kt—Q 2 |
| 15 K P×P | 15 Kt P×P |
| 16 Kt—K R 4 | |

16 Kt—K Kt 5 would now have given White the advantage. If 16..., P—K 5; 17 Kt—K 6 and 18 B—K 2. 16..., P—B 5 would give White a winning attack commencing 17 B×P ch.

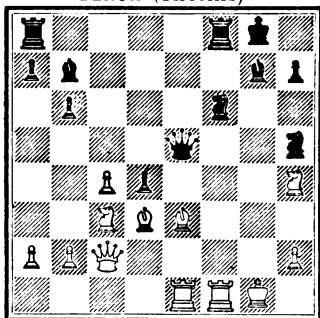
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| | 16 P—B 5 ? |
| 17 Q—Q B 2 | |

17 P—Q 6 was the right course: Black dare not reply 17..., P×B because of 18 Q—Q B 2, R×R ch; 19 R×R, Q×P; 20 B×P ch, K—R 1; 21 Kt—Kt 6 ch, K×B: 22 Kt—B 8 ch and mates next move: he would have therefore to play 17..., Q—Q 1, whereupon 18 Q—Q B 2, Q Kt—B 3; 19 P×P, with the better game.

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| | 17 Q Kt—B 3 |
| 18 Kt P×P | 18 P×Q P |
| 19 P×K P | 19 Q×K P |
| 20 Q R—K 1 | 20 P—Q 5 |

Position after 20..., P-Q 5.

BLACK (THOMAS)



WHITE (MACKENZIE)

21 B-B 4

Walking straight into the trap!

21 R-B 5, Q-K 3; 22 B-Q 2

(22 R×Kt, Q-Kt 5 ch!), Q-

B 3; 23 Kt-K 4, Q R-K 1

would leave Black with the attack,

but 21 B-Q 2, Q-Q B 4; 22

22 B-B 5

P-Kt 4, Q-B 2 (... Q-B 3
23 Kt-Q 5!); 23 Kt-Kt 5,
Q-B 3; 24 Kt-KB 3 leaves White
with no inferiority of position.

21 Kt×B!

22 P-Q 6

.....He could also play 22...
Kt-R 6 ch; 23 B×Kt, Q-
Kt 4 ch; 24 Kt-Kt 2, P×Kt
leaving White with much narrowed
resources.

23 R×Q

23 Q-B 2 forces 23... Kt-
K 7 ch; 24 Kt×Kt. P×Kt;
25 R×P, Q-Q B 4, simplifying.

23 P×Q

24 Kt-Kt 5

25 B-Q 5 ch

26 Kt-Kt 3

27 Kt×Kt

24 R-B 1

25 R-K 7

26 K-B 1

27 R×B

28 Resigns

GAME No. 5,242.—Played in the same tournament. *Sicilian Defence*. White: Sir G. A. THOMAS. Black: M. EUWE.

1 P-K 4, P-Q B 4; 2 Kt-Q B 3, Kt-Q B 3; 3 P-K Kt 3,
P-K Kt 3; 4 B-Kt 2, B-Kt 2; 5 K Kt-K 2, P-Q 3; 6 P-Q 3
B-Q 2; 7 Kt-Q 5, Kt-B 3; 8 K Kt-B 4, Kt-K Kt 5;
9 P-Q B 3, P-Q Kt 4; 10 Castles, R-Q Kt 1; 11 Kt-K 3,
P-K R 4; 12 P-K R 3, K Kt-K 4; 13 K-R 1, Q-B 1;
14 K-R 2, K-B 1; 15 Kt-K 2, P-B 5; 16 P×P, Kt×P;
17 P-Kt 3, Kt×Kt; 18 B×Kt, P-Kt 5; 19 Q R-B 1, Q-R 3;
20 Q-Q 2, P×P; 21 Kt×P, Kt-Kt 5; 22 K R-Q 1, K-Kt 1;
23 Kt-Q 5, Kt×Kt; 24 P×Kt, K-R 2; 25 R-B 7, R-Kt 2;
26 B-B 1, B-Kt 4; 27 R×R, Q×R; 28 B×B, Q×B; 29 B×P,
R-R 1; 30 B-K 3, R-R 6; 31 R-Q B 1, Q-R 3; 32 R-B 2,
B-B 3; 33 P-R 4, Q-R 1; 34 B-Kt 5, B×B; 35 P×B, R-R 4;
36 Q-K 2, Q×P; 37 Q×K P, Q-K B 4; 38 R-K 2, R-K 4.
Drawn.

GAME No. 5,243.—Played in the same tournament. *Queen's Gambit Declined*. White: A. J. MACKENZIE. Black: M. EUWE.

1 P-Q 4, P-Q 4; 2 P-Q B 4, P-Q B 3; 3 Kt-K B 3,
Kt-B 3; 4 P-K 3, P-K 3; 5 Kt-B 3, Q Kt-Q 2; 6 B-Q 3,
P×P; 7 B×P, P-Q Kt 4; 8 B-Q 3, P-Q R 3; 9 Castles,
P-B 4; 10 P-Q Kt 3, B-Kt 2; 11 B-Kt 2, B-K 2; 12 Q-K 2,
Castles; 13 P×P, Kt×P; 14 Q R-Q 1, Q-R 4; 15 P-K 4,
P-Kt 5; 16 Kt-R 4, Kt×B; 17 B×Kt, B×B; 18 R×Kt,
B-B 3; 19 P-K 5, B-K 2; 20 Kt-Q 4, B×Kt; 21 P×B,
Q×R P; 22 R-K R 3, Q R-B 1; 23 Q-R 5, P-R 3; 24 R-Kt 3,

R—B 6; 25 R—Kt 4, K—R 1; 26 Kt—K 2, R—B 4; 27 P—B 4, Q×P; 28 R—Kt 3, R—B 7; 29 Q—Kt 4, P—Kt 3; 30 Kt—B 1, Q—B 5; 31 Kt—Q 3, R—Q 7; 32 Q—R 3, K—Kt 2; 33 Q R—B 3, K R—Q 1; 34 Kt—B 2, B—B 4; 35 P—Kt 4, R—Q 8; 36 Q—Kt 2, K R—Q 7; 37 P—R 3, Q×R ch; 38 Resigns.

The remaining games were played in the New York International tournament.

GAME No. 5,244.—Played in the fifth round. *Irregular Opening*. White: R. RETI. Black: J. R. CAPABLANCA.

1 Kt—K B 3, Kt—K B 3; 2 P—B 4, P—K Kt 3; 3 P—Q Kt 4, B—Kt 2; 4 B—Kt 2, Castles; 5 P—Kt 3, P—Kt 3; 6 B—Kt 2, B—Kt 2; 7 Castles, P—Q 3; 8 P—Q 3, Q Kt—Q 2; 9 Q Kt—Q 2, P—K 4; 10 Q—B 2, R—K 1; 11 K R—Q 1, P—Q R 4; 12 P—Q R 3, P—R 3; 13 Kt—B 1, P—B 4; 14 P—Kt 5, Kt—B 1; 15 P—K 3, Q—B 2; 16 P—Q 4, B—K 5; 17 Q—B 3, K P×P; 18 P×P, K Kt—Q 2; 19 Q—Q 2, P×P; 20 B×P, Q×P; 21 B×B, K×B; 22 Q—Kt 2 ch, K—Kt 1; 23 R×P, Q—B 4; 24 Q R—Q 1, R—R 2; 25 Kt—K 3, Q—R 4; 26 Kt—Q 4, B×B; 27 K×B, Q—K 4; 28 Kt—B 4, Q—Q B 4; 29 Kt—B 6, R—B 2; 30 Kt—K 3, Kt—K 4; 31 Q R—Q 5, Resigns.

GAME No. 5,245.—Played in the seventh round. *French Defence (in effect)*. † White: G. MAROCZY. Black: Dr. E. LASKER.

1 P—K 4, K Kt—B 3; 2 Q Kt—B 3, P—Q 4; 3 P—K 5, K Kt—Q 2; 4 P—Q 4, P—K 3; 5 Q Kt—K 2, P—Q B 4; 6 P—Q B 3, Kt—Q B 3; 7 P—K B 4, B—K 2; 8 Kt—B 3, Castles; 9 P—K Kt 3, P×P; 10 P×P, Kt—Kt 3; 11 B—R 3, B—Q 2; 12 Castles, R—B 1; 13 P—K Kt 4, P—B 3; 14 P×P, B×P; 15 P—Kt 5, B—K 2; 16 K—R 1, Kt—B 5; 17 Kt—B 3, B—Kt 5; 18 Q—K 2, R—K 1; 19 Q—Q 3, Kt—Q 3; 20 P—B 5, Kt×B P; 21 Kt×P, B—Q 3; 22 B×Kt, P×B; 23 Kt—B 4, R—K 5; 24 Q—Kt 3 ch, K—R 1; 25 Kt—R 4, Kt×P; 26 Q—K R 3, R—B 7; 27 P—Kt 6, B—B 3; 28 Kt—B 3, P—K R 3; 29 Kt—K 6, Kt×Kt; 30 B×P, R—R 5; 31 Resigns.

GAME No. 5,246.—Played in the ninth round. *Queen's Pawn Opening*. White: E. D. BOGOLJUBOW. Black: J. R. CAPABLANCA.

1 P—Q 4, Kt—K B 3; 2 Kt—K B 3, P—Q 4; 3 P—K 3, P—K 3; 4 B—Q 3, P—B 4; 5 P—Q Kt 3, Kt—B 3; 6 Castles, B—Q 3; 7 B—Kt 2, Castles; 8 Q Kt—Q 2, Q—K 2; 9 Kt—K 5, P×P; 10 P×P, B—R 6; 11 B×B, Q×B; 12 Q Kt—B 3, B—Q 2; 13 Kt×Kt, B×Kt; 14 Q—Q 2, Q R—B 1; 15 P—Q B 3, P—Q R 3; 16 Kt—K 5, B—Kt 4; 17 P—K B 3, B×B; 18 Kt×B, R—B 2; 19 Q R—B 1, K R—B 1; 20 Q R—B 2, Kt—K 1; 21 K R—B 1, Kt—Q 3; 22 Kt—K 5, Q—R 4; 23 P—Q R 4, Q—Kt 3; 24 Kt—Q 3,

Q×P; 25 Kt—B 5, Q—Kt 3; 26 R—Kt 2, Q—R 2; 27 Q—K 1, P—Q Kt 3; 28 Kt—Q 3, R—B 5; 29 P—R 5, P×P; 30 Kt—B 5, Kt—Kt 4; 31 R—K 2, Kt×Q P!; 32 P×Kt, K R×Kt; 33 Resigns.

GAME No. 5,247.—Played in the nineteenth round. *King's Bishop's Gambit (Limited)*. White: Dr. S. TARTAKOVER. Black: J. R. CAPABLANCA.

1 P—K 4, P—K 4; 2 P—K B 4, P×P; 3 B—K 2, P—Q 4; 4 P×P, Kt—K B 3; 5 P—B 4, P—B 3; 6 P—Q 4, B—Kt 5 ch; 7 K—B 1, P×P; 8 B×P, P×P; 9 B×Kt, Kt—Q 4; 10 K—B 2, R×B; 11 B×P, Castles; 12 Kt—K B 3, Kt—B 3; 13 Kt—B 3, P—Q Kt 4; 14 B—Q 3, Kt—Kt 5 ch; 15 K—Kt 1, B—Kt 2; 16 B—B 5, B×Kt; 17 P×B, Kt—K 6; 18 B×P ch, K—R 1; 19 Q—Q 3, B×Kt; 20 P×B, Kt—Q 4; 21 B—K 4, Kt—B 5; 22 Q—Q 2, Q—R 5; 23 K—B 1, P—B 4; 24 B—B 6, R—B 3; 25 P—Q 5, R—Q 1; 26 R—Q 1, R×B; 27 P×R, R×Q; 28 R×R, Kt—K 3; 29 R—Q 6, Q—B 5 ch; 30 K—Kt 2, Q—K 7 ch; 31 Resigns.

PROBLEM WORLD.

BY B. G. LAWS AND G. W. CHANDLER.

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REVIEW.

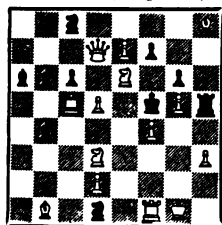
Adventures of my Chessmen, 1914-1923, by G. F. Anderson (see notice last month). As a collection of Chess Problems by our English composers issued from the press during the past thirty years, this in importance is probably second only to *Chess Idylls* (the problems of G. Heathcote) produced by A. C. White in 1918. There is no reason to compare the two works but though both composers acknowledge the correctness of modern insistence, the results are interestingly different. Anderson's *bonne grace* titled Selection contains an assortment of problem intrigues which should at once gratify the admirer of compressed strategy and satisfy the fastidious in the matter of skilled construction. In most of the Author's problems there is a pronounced idea cleverly brought to light with the artistic finish or polish of model mates. One might hazard the opinion that he had been a student of the problems of the late W. Grimshaw, which were generally remarkable for their sharpened motives, but served up in a manner less refined than would have been the case to-day when economy of force has such a cogent bearing upon construction. Among modern experts, it may be that Dr. E. Palkoska of Prague has been taken as a preceptor whose problems invariably show craftiness presented with rational regard for modern requirements. It is almost axiomatic that the illustration of pithy problem play tends towards single accentuation and the opportunity is not invariably present for combination of two or more choice strokes in one setting. Anderson, however, has shown to be resourceful and imaginative in blending, many of his positions being well varied and ingeniously woven. To quote from the excellent Introduction written by W. H. Thompson: "It will be noted that a marked feature of these problems is a well ordered complexity which includes at least one quiet and unexpected line of play." It must be borne in mind the Author is a comparatively young composer, and as Mr. Thompson puts it, an interesting problem presents itself in contemplating the achievements with which he may yet grace the Problem Art as experience strengthens his natural ability.

The collection of 120 problems comprise 20 two-movers, 47 three-movers, 13 four-movers, 22 Self-mates and 18 sundry studies. It would have been an agreeable addition to the book had the Author in giving the solutions made some personal comments. He has done so in a few instances; to have treated all the positions in this way would have pleasantly enlightened many a student.

The following are six typical selections :—

BY G. F. ANDERSON.

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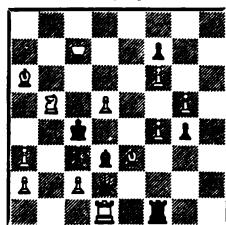
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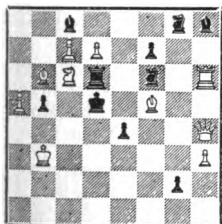
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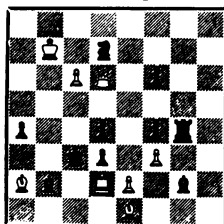
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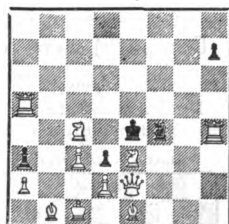
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WHITE (8 pieces)
Mate in four.

BLACK (5 pieces)



WHITE (11 pieces)
Self-Mate in three.

Tidskrift för Schak.—Arnell and Sahlberg Memorial Tourney.

First and Second Prize
(*ex æquo*).

By Dr. E. PALKOSKA.

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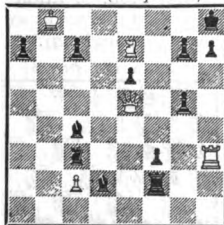


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First and Second Prize
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By J. CUMPE and
K. TRAXLER.

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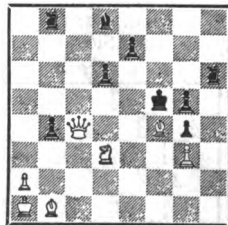


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Third Prize.

By K. TRAXLER.

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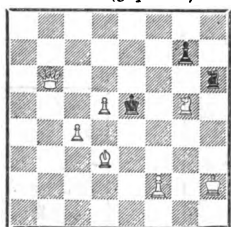
Fourth, fifth and sixth prizes respectively : M. Havel, F. Rduch and M. Gohli.

HAMBURG CHESS ASSOCIATION TOURNEY.

First Prize. T

By Dr. BRANDIS.

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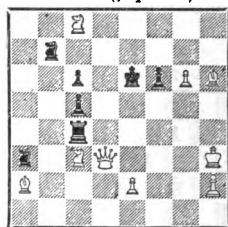
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Second Prize.

By A. SCHILLER.

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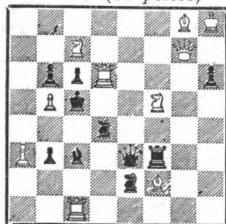
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The *Austral* International Two-move Tourney. The award of F. T. Hawes in this Tourney which was made possible by the generosity of Dr. J. J. O'Keefe of Sydney, has been made known. We announced the conditions last August. In addition to the six honoured positions given below two-movers by C. Winter and K. A. K. Larsen (Denmark) were commended.

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By P. ten Cate
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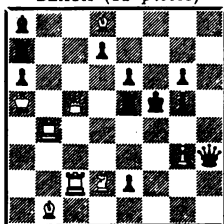
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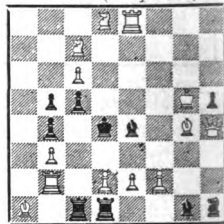
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Third and Special Prize
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(Brisbane).

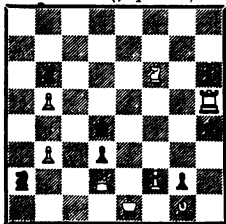
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Fourth Prize.
By C. WINTER
(Czecho Slovakia).

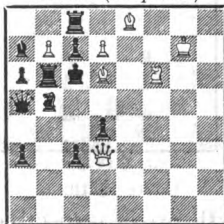
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BLACK (8 pieces)
Mate in two.

First Hon. Mention.
By E. C. WESTBURY
(Birmingham).

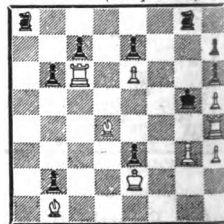
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Second Hon. Mention.
By W. J. SMITH
(Hurstville, N.S.W.).

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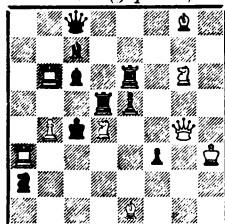
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Mate in two.

Western Morning News and Mercury.—The following is the result of Mr. H. D'O. Bernard's award in the two- and three-move informal half-yearly competition to last December of this popular chess column, conducted in an interesting way by Mr. A. R. Cooper.

First Prize.

By J. J. RIETVELD
(Holland).

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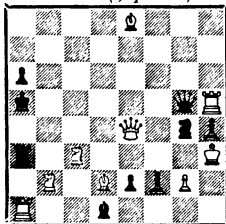


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Second Prize.

By P. TEN CATE
(Holland).

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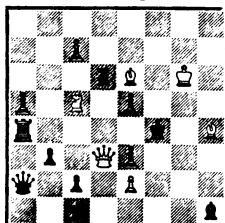


WHITE (9 pieces)
Mate in two.

First and Second
(*ex aequo*)

By J. J. RIETVELD.

BLACK (12 pieces)

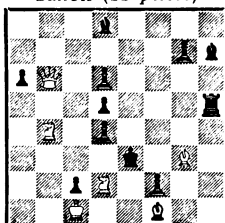


WHITE (6 pieces)
Mate in three.

First and Second
(*ex aequo*).

By M. NIEMEIJER and
H. WEENINK (Holland).

BLACK (11 pieces)



WHITE (6 pieces)
Mate in three.

Two-movers : hon. mention—C. D. Rudd, Bramley. Three-movers : hon. mention and prize for most difficult key—C. S. Kipping and G. F. Anderson (joint), and G. F. Anderson.

 OBITUARIES.

The death is announced of the veteran American composer George E. Carpenter at Tarrytown, New York. We defer to next month a selection from his works with a few notes.

La Stratégie records the death of Gustave Lazard, a French composer who was better known in his country as the president of the Philidor Chess Circle.

PROBLEMS PICTORIAL.

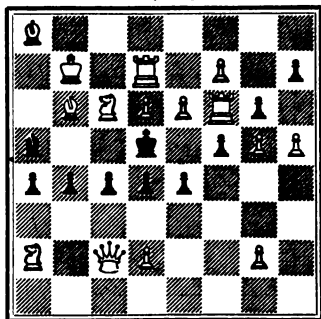
BY FRANK E. PURCHAS.

"Look here, upon this picture, and on this."—*Hamlet iii*, 4.

"Tom Tiddler's Ground."

"The Roll Call."

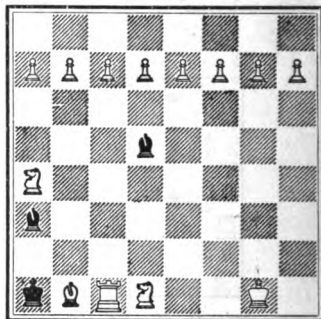
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WHITE (15 pieces)

Mate in three.

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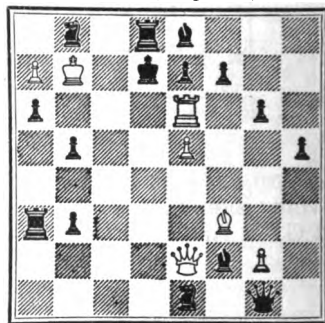
Mate in four.

We draw special attention to these two extraordinary problems, and shall be pleased to present three copies of *The Artistry of the Chess Problem* to the three solvers who master them. Solvers need not send thorough analyses but only sufficient evidence to show they have actually solved the problems.

BY GEO. A. HEGINBOTTOM.

BLACK (16 pieces)

The annexed composed "End-game" may be of interest to some of our readers. The main idea will not we believe give much trouble, but some of the by-play is a little tricky.



WHITE (6 pieces)

White plays and draws.

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Problems (April) 2,463 to 2,466 inclusive.

J. Allcock (660) 5-5-10-20 (700); Dr. R. Tennant Bruce (205 + March 35=240) 5-5-10-20 (280); **A. T. Cannell (650) 5-5-10-20 (690); J. Chadwick (Sydney) (100); R. W. Clark (Canada) (585) 5-5-10-20 (625); *W. H. Cutland (0) 5-5-10-20 (40); **F. J. Dennis (350) 5-5-10-20

(390); J. C. Derlain (290) 5-5-10-20 (330); Rev. A. T. Dean (205) 5-5-10-0 (225); B. V. Darbishire (680) 5-5-10-20 (720); G. Fegent (630); *C. Folley (35) 5-5-10-20 (75); *C. Frost (60); *Albert Haddy (655) 5-5-10-20 (695); **W. F. Herbert (280) 5-5-10-20 (320); J. A. Hatherhill (85) 5-5-10-20 (125); **Rev. F. O'D. Hoare (70) 5-5-10-20 (110); †G. Stillingfleet Johnson (165) 5-5-10-20 (205); Capt. J. V. Jacklin (140); N. V. Joshi (Pusa, India) (110); *A. Lockley (80); **Frederick Lee (375) 5-5-10-20 (415); J. A. Lewis (690) 5-5-10-0 (710); *Hubert Lees (Auckland) (20 + Jan. and Feb. 65) (85); T. W. R. Leistikow (130) 5-5-10-20 (170); **Rev. N. Munro (70) 5-5-10-20 (110); *R. J. Minns (510) 5-5-10-0 (530); D. Murray (90) 5-5-10-20 (130); Rev. A. N. Morgan (35); Johannes Neilson (580) 5-5-10-20 (620); M. E. Onslow (390); **A. Peacock (275) 5-5-10-0 (295); T. Rosenfeld (250) 5-5-5-0 (265); *R. G. Thomson (290) 5-5-10-20 (330); *B. Tott (735) 5-5-0-0 (745); O. L. Telling (Monte Carlo) (610 + March 30=640) 5-5-10-20 (680); "Tiro" (Ribe, Denmark) (35) 5-5-10-0 (55); Rev. E. Wells (640) 5-5-10-20 (680); Major W. T. Whetham (395); M. E. L. Wills (Gibraltar) 5-5-10-20 (40).

B. Tott's is the highest April score and an asterisk notifies his success.

SOLUTIONS.

No. 2,463, by R. G. Thomson.—1 Kt—K 4. A conventional theme well carried out. The variety is considerable, and both the White and Black pieces are economically employed.

No. 2,464, by C. H. D. Clark.—1 R—K 7. A task problem in which the pinned Knight is four times released to mate twice on K 3 and twice on B 6. These variations are cleverly forced, but there is little else in the problem.

No. 2,465, by Dr. F. Rduch.—1 B—Kt 5. If 1... K—B 4; 2 Kt—K 3 ch. If 1... K—Q 5; 2 B—B 6 ch. If 1... P—Q 3; 2 Kt—B 3 ch. A very pretty little problem. The key gives a flight, and all four mates are models.

No. 2,466, by Dr. F. Rduch.—1 K—Kt 1. If 1... K—B 4; 2 P—K 3. K—Kt 5; 3 B—Q 1 ch. If 2... K—Kt 4; 3 P—K 4 ch. If 2... K other; 3 Q—Q 4 ch. If 2... P—Kt 4; 3 Q—Q 3 ch. If 1... P—Kt 4; 2 Q—Q 3 ch. K moves; 3 P—Q 3 ch. If 1... P—B 4; 2 P—K 3. P—B 5; 3 Q—Q 4 ch. If 2... K—B 6; 3 B—Q 1 ch. A remarkably fine lightweight. It has a good key, quiet mainplay, and unexpected variety, while the wealth of model mates is astonishing. Both these problems mark the author as a master of constructive technique.

By G. Guidelli (p. 218).—1 Kt—Kt 3.

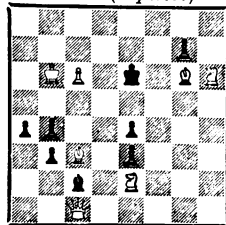
By G. Guidelli (p. 218).—1 Kt—K 6.

By G. Guidelli (p. 218).—1 Q—Kt 4.

By K. Traxler (p. 221).—We are informed by this composer that we misunderstood the circumstances regarding this problem and that it is not a version by Dr. E. Palkoska but that of his own. Not being familiar with the Czech language we unwisely jumped to the conclusion that the refining process had been made by Dr. Palkoska. In order to make some amends we re-produce the position here with apologies to both these eminent composers. The key is 1 Q—R 3. The variations are relatively similar to those we gave in April.

By K. TRAXLER. T

BLACK (8 pieces)

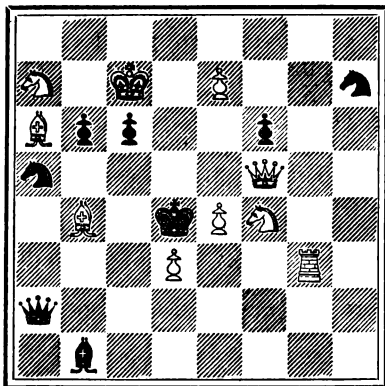


WHITE (7 pieces)

Mate in three.


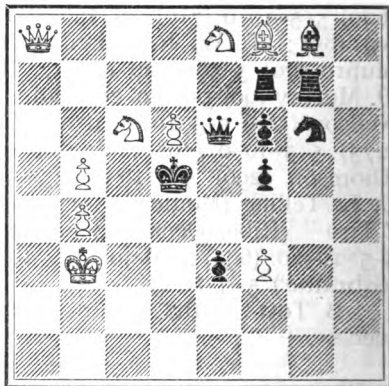
ORIGINAL PROBLEMS.

No. 2,471.

By B. J. de C. ANDRADE
(London).BLACK (8 *pieces*)WHITE (10 *pieces*)

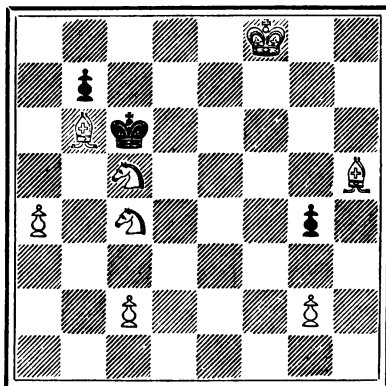
White mates in two moves.

No. 2,472.


 By C. MANSFIELD
(Bristol).
BLACK (8 *pieces*)WHITE (10 *pieces*)

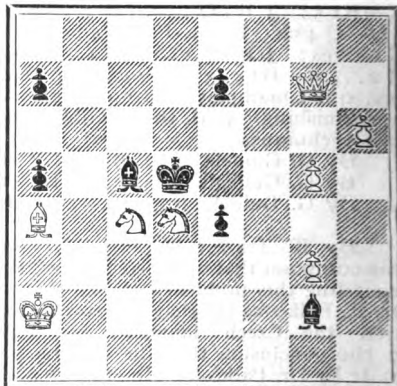
White mates in two moves.

No. 2,473.

By M. BUKOFZER
(Woodside, U.S.A.).BLACK (3 *pieces*)WHITE (8 *pieces*)

White mates in three moves.

No. 2,474.

By P. F. BLAKE
(Warrington).BLACK (7 *pieces*)WHITE (8 *pieces*)

White mates in four moves.

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FILTER-PASSERS.

"The opening is completed," said the scientifically-minded chess-player, puffing out across the board a cloud of acrid tobacco-smoke, "and the middle game now begins. I hold an advantage; very small, infinitely small, even less than infinitely small; about the size, shape and substance of a filter-passer.

"You may question that expression 'less than infinitely small,' but I would remind you of the many wonderful modern efflorescences of the scientific mind. Think of our new friend Einstein and his joyous discomfiture of our old enemy Euclid; how splendidly stimulating is the thought that any straight line of given length is no longer straight, but curved; nor is it of that length if it be relatively approaching or receding. I trust this is clear. Let me add parenthetically that the working of the modern mind is well discernible in the present-day treatment of chess. Snosko-Borovski makes it quite clear that the inter-relations of time and space can no longer be ignored. Ha! Ha!

"Reverting to the matter of my advantage, which I think I have rather aptly compared to a filter-passer, perhaps I ought to explain that in my opinion filter-passers are less than infinitely small because they are non-existent as entities, but are only states of the molecules of organically-derived H_2O , of which they are possible but not probably isotopes. My theory is not yet accepted throughout the scientific world, and as perhaps in the nature of things it is not capable of proof, I shall have to wait patiently the passing of time for the full recognition of truth. Filter-passers are organic catalysts, and act by stimulation only; stimulating the very plasm of the tissue-cells to produce their own toxins, and, consequentially, their own dissolution.

"Now my advantage in this game, being strictly comparable to a filter-passer, will stimulate your game to produce its own toxic effects, and I shall derive the keenest intellectual pleasure from observing it go gradually but irresistibly, and of itself, irretrievably to ruin."

"Thanks," replied his sober-minded opponent. "If you could manage to smoke and talk through a filter, I think I shouldn't mind the passers. May I now remind you that your clock is still going? If you don't get a move on, all your spacious ideas will not save you from losing—by time. The inter-relations of time and space can no longer be ignored."

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ANALYTICAL NOTE.

BY M. E. GOLDSTEIN.

The Rubinstein variation of the French Defence.

After the usual moves, 1 P—K 4, P—K 3; 2 P—Q 4, P—Q 4; 3 Kt—Q B 3, Kt—K B 3; 4 B—Kt 5, P×P; 5 Kt×P, Q Kt—Q 2; 6 Kt—K B 3, B—K 2; 7 Kt×Kt ch, Kt×Kt; 8 B—Q 3, it was customary for Black to Castle, whereupon 9 Q—K 2!, P—K R 3 (of course 9... P—Q Kt 3?; 10 B×Kt and 11 Q—K 4 would be fatal); 10 B×Kt, B×B; 12 Q—K 4, P—K Kt 3; 12 P—K R 4, followed by Castles (Q R), gives White a very strong attack.

Rubinstein, therefore, tried the move 8... P—Q Kt 3 in place of Castling. After 9 Kt—K 5, B—Kt 2; 10 B—Kt 5 ch, P—B 3!; 11 B×P ch, B×B; 12 Kt×B, Black gets an easy game by 12 Q—Q 4!; 13 Kt—K 5, Q×Kt P; 14 Q—B 3, Q×Q. Spielmann introduced the innovation 11 Q—B 3 against Rubinstein at San Sebastian, 1911, and this has been held to refute the variation. Rubinstein continued 11... Q—Q 4!; 12 B×Kt, P×K B, and Mises in the book of the tournament suggests that 13 Q×Q, B×Q; 14 B×B would give White the better end-game. Personally, after 14... K×B I should prefer Black. His Bishop occupies a dominating position, and the hostile Knight can easily be expelled by P—B 3 at a suitable moment.

I do not see why Black should not continue, after 12 B×Kt, with 12... B×B!; 13 Q×Q (a), P×Q; 14 B×P ch (b), B×B; 15 Kt×B, R—Q B 1; 16 Kt—Kt 4, P—Q R 4; 17 Kt×P, R×P; 18 Kt×B ch, P×Kt; 19 R—Q Kt 1, K—Q 2; 20 Castles, R—K 1; 21 K R—K 1, R×Kt P! with the better end-game.

(a) 13 B×P ch, B×B; 14 Kt×B, Q×Q; 15 P×Q, R—Q B 1; 16 Kt×P, R×P+.

(b) 14 Kt×Q B P, P—Q R 3; 15 B—R 4 (if 15 Kt—R 5 dis ch, P×B; 16 Kt×B, K—K 2, and the Knight has no escape), P—Q Kt 4; 16 Kt—R 5, P×B; 17 Kt×B, R—Q Kt 1; 18 Kt—B 5, R×P+—for if 19 Kt×P (R 4), R—Kt 5! wins.

This may rehabilitate the Rubinstein variation as a sound defence for the second player. White would perhaps do better to develop on normal lines with 9 Castles, B—Kt 2; 10 Q—K 2 Castles; 11 Q R—Q 1.

It should be noted that in the variation 1 P—K 4, P—K 3; 2 P—Q 4, P—Q 4; 3 Kt—Q B 3, P×P; 4 Kt×P, Kt—Q 2; 5 Kt—K B 3, K Kt—B 3; 6 Kt×Kt ch, Kt×Kt; 7 B—Q 3, 7... P—Q Kt 3 is not so good; e.g., 8 Kt—K 5, B—Kt 2; 9 B—Kt 5 ch, P—B 3; 10 Q—B 3!, Q—Q 4 (or 10... Q—B 2; 11 B×P ch, B×B; 12 Q×B ch, Q×Q comes to the same thing, except that Black has a Pawn on K 3 instead of Q 4); 11 Q×Q, P×Q; 12 B×P ch, B×B; 13 Kt×B, R—B 1; 14 Kt×P, R×P; 15 Castles, B—K 2; 16 P—Q Kt 3, followed by, 7 P—Q R 4+ (analysis by W. Koslowski in *Deutsches Schachzeitung*, 1920).

If, in the variation first considered, 12 Q×Q be played, then 12... Kt×B!, attacking the loose Bishop on White's K Kt 5;

13 B×B, Kt×B, and Black is at no disadvantage. The difference in these two variations—in the one, White's Queen's Bishop on K Kt 5 and Black's King's Bishop on K 2, and in the other, both pieces on their original squares—is noteworthy.

CORRESPONDENCE.

"RENOVATING" CHESS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE *B.C.M.*

DEAR SIR,—As a *B.C.M.* subscriber who has devoted to chess the greater part of his leisure during the past thirty years, will you allow me to break a lance with a correspondent who states in the current number that chess "seems to be played out."

To the tame player all games are tame—if his opponent is equally dull, cautious and unenterprising. Instead of desiring to "re-shuffle the pieces," let your correspondent open his games with a gambit, or if he is afraid of the risks of gambits let him try some such original and playable opening as "the spike" (1 P—Q Kt 4). No player who is determined to have a lively game need have a dull one; and no player who has followed the brilliant and original methods of Alekhine, Tartakover and others of the so-called "hyper-modern school," will agree that chess requires any sort of "renovation."

Faithfully yours,

W. M. BUSSELL.

BIZARRE CHESSMEN.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE *B.C.M.*

DEAR SIR,—Have any *B.C.M.* readers ever seen or do they know of any sets of chessmen carved to represent the characters in "Reynard the Fox," i.e., lions and lionesses for the Kings and Queens, bears for the Rooks, Reynard himself in various guises for the Bishops, etc. If anything is known of such a set can any information be given as to the date of its origin, and were they made for any special occasion.

Is anything known as to the history and travels of a set of chessmen recently sold in New York, supposed to have belonged to Louis XIV, and carved to represent a battle between the Indians and English. An inscription on the board (pasted on it, in very faded writing) "Given by the Siamese ambassador to Louis XIV in 1680. S.S. says they represented a battle between the Indians and English." This inscription is in French and S.S. is "Saint-Simon."

I should be interested in any information concerning either of these sets.

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ANCIENT BOARD GAMES.

From the chess column of the *Cheltenham Chronicle*, edited by our old friend W. S. Branch, we cull the following interesting historical information from a recent issue. In commenting on the Clontarf chess story written some thirty-five years ago by a Dublin or Kingstown chess editor, and based on one of the Irish legends of about 1000-1015 A.D., he says:

"It is stated that a dispute or ill feeling about the game of Fedchell led indirectly to the battle of Clontarf, 1014.

"It is likely that this was imagined by the Celtic writer long after the time written of but, be that as it may, fedchell was not chess. It was a board game, more of the nature of draughts or fox and geese than of chess, and it was much older than chess in Europe—perhaps older in Europe than chess was in India. It was played in ancient Wales, and perhaps in the rest of ancient Britain, under the name of gwyddbwyll, and is thought to have been the same as the Scandinavian game of hnefatafl. Under the name of tablut this survived among the Laplanders of Northern Sweden till the middle of the eighteenth century or later—perhaps with variations from the play of centuries earlier.

"It is very doubtful if anyone in Ireland knew anything of chess so early as 1014. There is no certainty that the game was known in Ireland before 1100, but it may have been to a few, mostly returned travellers from the continent. There is no evidence of chess in England before the Norman Conquest, 1066-1070. But there is reason to believe in the probability of some few persons here being players before that, because the game had become well-known in Normandy before 1066. There was considerable intercourse with Normandy. To such persons in Europe as knew anything of chess in the year 1000 it was a modern game—to them—which had come from the far east, the vast and mysterious region beyond the Holy Land. And, by the way, they played it on a board of sixty-four squares, all of one colour—as most players in India do still.

"An Anglo-Saxon list of indoor games played in England, written before the Norman Conquest, is preserved—we think, at Oxford. It does not mention chess, or draughts. And each of the games that are mentioned is known to have been neither chess or draughts. Two or three of these games are still played, or were twenty years ago, in some of our English villages, and rather specially among shepherds. There is no evidence of draughts in England, or in Spain, till after 1300, but there is in France back to nearly 1200. Probably the game began in France soon after the majority of chessboards were chequered in two colours.

"Chess and draughts together superseded and killed such older board games as were the nearest in style to one or other of the new or more attractive and generally considered better games."

NEWS FROM THE BRITISH ISLES.

Will chess Editors of exchanges, club secretaries, etc., kindly note that as R. H. S. Stevenson of 45 Clapham Road, London, S.W.9 is now making himself responsible for the News from the British Isles, all exchanges should go direct to him instead of to R. C. Griffith. Will chess Editors of Foreign and Colonial exchanges please send direct to P. W. Sergeant, 9 Loudoun Road, London, N.W.8.

The most romantic chess match hitherto played took place on June 7th between Kent and the Civil Service with teams of 60 a-side.

The match was played on the roof of Australia House in the Strand, and each player in addition to his game got a magnificent view of London from all points of the compass.

The authorities of this splendid building did all in their power to assist the match captains (A. J. Spencer and R. H. S. Stevenson) in this unique enterprise and the first great outdoor chess match was a huge success.

The Kent team was very representative geographically and included players from Dover, Ramsgate, Margate, Tunbridge Wells, Gravesend, Orpington, Erith, and Sevenoaks. Two octogenarians were present—Capt. McCanlis and Dr. Firth—while Lord Dunsany, the versatile sportsman and novelist played for the county which is privileged to call him chairman.

The weather was most suitable: the Crystal Palace could be plainly seen to the south while the river from the Tower Bridge to Chelsea appeared as a silver streak with poor wounded Waterloo Bridge a pathetic sight in the foreground.

Kent eventually won by 34½—25½.

The Kriegspiel Tournament at the Gambit.—This event which has been running since the beginning of February is now finished and has resulted in a striking victory for the younger generation of players. There were six prizes: 1st, £5 and winner's name will be inscribed on the Silver Shield; second, £2 10s.; third, set of Ivory Chessmen; 4th, Box of Cigarettes; fifth and sixth bound volumes of the *B.C.M.*

The origin of the Shield is as follows. In 1918 Sir John Thursby and some of the Council of the British Chess Federation desired to make an acknowledgment of the great help given towards the permanent invested fund by Miss Price.

This lady gave the free use of her "Gambit Chess Rooms," at 3 Budge Row, Cannon Street, E.C., including use of boards and men, lighting, and services of staff, for a series of Lightning Tournaments; which not only added over £40 cash to the then modest Permanent fund, but brought the number of Life Members from 10 to 30 and thus started the ball rolling towards the present record of over 200.

The aforementioned members of the Federation Executive presented Miss Price with the Silver Shield, and a Kriegspiel Tournament will be held annually for the Gambit championship. The first of these, just finished, attracted 28 entries and included many players well known in the world of chess. The old Essex gang, pioneers in popularising Kriegspiel were represented by J. F. Allcock, E. W. Osler and W. O. Woodfield. From Surrey P. Howell and F. F. L. Alexander entered while J. A. Leon (whose scholarly articles in the *British Chess Magazine* in 1895 and 1896 on Chess Masters of the Past will be remembered) made a good score. The full list of prize winners is as follows: First, A. Felber; second E. H. Shaw; third, S. N. Dawkins; fourth, L. W. Dodds; fifth, R. H. S. Stevenson; sixth E. T. Marshall and B. Thomas. The first four are all under 30 years of age. The veteran S. Passmore (probably the strongest player of his day) was not sufficiently in good health to compete.

The championship of the Canterbury chess club has been won by J. W. Newlove with the excellent score of 17 wins and 1 loss out of 18 possible.

The first match in the "Sexton" cup competition was played on June 7th, when Hastings travelled to four centres to play The Rest of Sussex (Brighton excepted). Seven games were played at Brighton, six at Lewes, seven at Eastbourne and four at Bexhill.

| HASTINGS. | | | REST OF SUSSEX (Brighton excepted). | | |
|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|-----------|--|
| 1 | J. A. J. Drewitt | 1 | Rev. E. Griffiths (Lewes) | 0 | |
| 2 | G. M. Norman | 1 | E. M. Jackson (Bexhill) | 0 | |
| 3 | H. J. Stephenson | ½ | W. Bridger (Chichester) | ½ | |
| 4 | J. A. Watt | 1 | J. Chambers (Lewes) (abs.) | 0 | |
| 5 | H. E. Dobell | 0 | Capt. Whitworth (Lancing Coll.) | 1 | |
| 6 | C. R. Hoon | ½ | E. G. Spears (Eastbourne) | ½ | |
| 7 | H. W. W. Hore | 1 | W. Perrin (Haywards Heath) | 0 | |
| 8 | A. Clack | 1 | F. L. Marchant (Hailsham) | 0 | |
| 9 | E. J. Merrill | 0 | H. E. Dudeney (Lewes) | 1 | |
| 10 | V. S. Ward | 1 | H. N. Grant (Lewes) | 0 | |
| 11 | H. V. Bonham | 0 | E. E. Stockens (Hurstpierpoint) | 1 | |
| 12 | Miss Ruchon | ½ | Hamilton Miller (Eastbourne) | ½ | |
| 13 | T. A. Moody | ½ | G. Garland (Petworth) | ½ | |
| 14 | R. H. Brown | 0 | F. V. Webb (Worthing) | 1 | |
| 15 | Miss Hallaway (abs.) | 0 | W. C. F. Cruttenden (Eastbourne) | 1 | |
| 16 | Miss Menchik | 1 | G. J. D. Gregory (Haywards Heath) | 0 | |
| 17 | L. A. J. Glyde | 1 | W. Beattie (Lewes) | 0 | |
| 18 | J. W. Danahay | 0 | Dr. Vallance (Lewes) | 1 | |
| 19 | E. G. Taylor | 1 | A. Harvey Jones (Bexhill) | 0 | |
| 20 | A. D. Hall | 1 | H. E. Whicker (Bexhill) | 0 | |
| 21 | W. G. Watson | 0 | J. R. Green (Hailsham) | 1 | |
| 22 | G. E. James | 1 | G. D. Self (Haywards Heath) | 0 | |
| 23 | Miss Musgrave | 1 | R. Stiles (Haywards Heath) | 0 | |
| 24 | S. F. Dalladay | ½ | C. Rollason (Eastbourne) | ½ | |
| 25 | K. R. B. Macleod (abs.) | 0 | H. H. Strutt (Hailsham) | 1 | |
| 26 | K. W. B. Macleod | 1 | A. W. Page (Portslade) | 0 | |
| 27 | F. A. Riley | 0 | H. Luntley (Bexhill) | 1 | |
| 28 | Capt. H. G. McMullen | 1 | A. E. Smith (Hurstpierpoint) | 0 | |

London Chess League.—The May meeting of the Council was held at St. Bride's Institute, on Monday, 26th May, R. C. Griffith, president, in the chair. It was decided to hold another Congress on the lines of the London 1924 Congress after Christmas, at which the Boys' Championship of London would be decided. A hotchpot of motions relating to the desire of some clubs to restrict the number of entries in the First Division, resulted in the withdrawal of all the proposals, and the weaker clubs can now breathe again.

A motion altering the present rule regarding defaults—from loss of points to a fine—was defeated.

At the annual meeting which followed, the annual report and Statement of Accounts were presented showing a small balance in hand. The Brixton Chess Club, as champions of the First Division, received the "Mercury" Challenge Board; and the Battersea II Chess Club the "Griffith" Challenge Board as champions of the Third Division. J. H. Blake was elected president, vice R. C. Griffith, who has put in three years of strenuous work as president. G. R. Hardcastle was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer.

Battersea and the Old Wilsonians having tied for first place in the South London League, the "play off" took place at the Brixton Club on Thursday, May 24th. The result was as follows:—

OLD WILSONIANS.

| | |
|-------------------------|---|
| 1 G. E. Smith | 1 |
| 2 J. H. Jones | 1 |
| 3 H. C. Edwards | 1 |
| 4 R. G. Morley | 0 |
| 5 H. T. Blunt | 0 |
| 6 S. T. Weeden | 1 |

BATTERSEA.

| | |
|------------------------|---|
| J. C. Redon | 0 |
| F. E. Ward | 0 |
| W. Gardiner | 0 |
| R. E. Roe | 1 |
| A. H. Thomas | 1 |
| W. W. Starling | 0 |

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It is a remarkable coincidence that the same two clubs tied for first place last year, but in that instance Battersea won the final by the odd game.

This is the first time the Old Wilsonians have won the Shield since 1914.

Birmingham and District League.—The annual general meeting was held at the Y.M.C.A., Dale End, and was well attended by members of affiliated clubs. The report was adopted, the balance sheet showing a credit of over £19. The trophies were handed to representatives of the winning clubs, viz.: Division I, King's Norton; Division II, West Bromwich; Division III, Birmingham University. The individual tourney prizes were won as follows: Division I: 1, R. H. Bridgewater; 2, L. D. S. Hudson. Division II: 1, O. T. Bailey; 2, W. E. Evans; 3, B. Stych. Division III: 1, W. Smith; 2, P. H. Vaughton; 3, H. McGregor.

The officers elected for the ensuing season are: president, Professor Frank Tillyard; committee, W. J. Stych, G. H. Edwards and O. T. Bailey; trustees, E. Harris and W. J. Stych; hon. secretaries, H. W. Clark (43 Cannon Street) and W. H. Dry.

It was resolved that a fourth division be formed for the newer and weaker clubs, that players in a lower team may play three games in a higher division, that the time limit be reduced to 24 moves an hour, and that no game be sent for adjudication unless the match depends upon it.

The question of winning clubs being promoted, and of those at the bottom of the table being dropped to the division below was left to be discussed by the management committee.

The Birmingham University C.C. wound up a successful season with a visit to Liverpool, to play the Liverpool University C.C. A very enjoyable day was spent there. Scores:—

| BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY. | | | | | LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY. | | | | |
|------------------------|------------------|----|----|----|-----------------------|-----------------|----|----|----------------|
| 1 | A. L. Davies | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | R. J. Broadbent | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 2 | R. A. Eccleshall | .. | .. | .. | 1 | W. A. Smith | .. | .. | 0 |
| 3 | D. M. Simmons | .. | .. | .. | 1 | F. Bradley | .. | .. | 0 |
| 4 | J. P. Baxter | .. | .. | .. | 1 | F. W. Bradley | .. | .. | 0 |
| 5 | W. L. Kent | .. | .. | .. | 0 | N. W. Riley | .. | .. | 1 |
| 6 | R. Mordecai | .. | .. | .. | 1 | J. Preston | .. | .. | 0 |
| | | | | | $4\frac{1}{2}$ | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | $1\frac{1}{2}$ |

The third encounter between C. H. Knight and A. R. Chamberlain in the final round of the *Birmingham Post* cup contest resulted in a win for Mr. Knight. The victory was a popular one, for Mr. Knight, an old Camp Hill boy on the staff of the Midland Institute, has long been a capable player and in a quiet and unostentatious way has done very good service for the game. A Worcestershire player thus wins the "Three Counties" championship, the previous holders having been H. E. Price (Staffordshire), 1922, and H. H. Norman (Staffordshire), 1923.

The championship of the Oxford University Chess Club for the season 1923—1924 has been won by W. E. B. Pryer (Pembroke) after two ties with A. H. Crothers (Queen's).

The 39th annual general meeting of the Hampstead chess club was held at Stanfield House, Prince Arthur Road, on May 31st, with E. J. Randall in the chair. The report of the hon. treasurer, W. Adams, showed a surplus on the year's working of £14 on the General Fund, in spite of an expenditure of £25 for new chessmen. The hon. secretary in his report showed that the club had had a successful season, obtaining second place in the "A" Division of the London Chess League, $\frac{1}{2}$ point behind the winners, Brixton; and tying for first place with Ealing in the Middlesex cup. The tie-match was, however, lost by $3\frac{1}{2}$ —4 $\frac{1}{2}$. The membership stood at 8 Life members, 89 Town members, 4 Country members and 7 Honorary members, a total of 108. The Brilliancy prize presented by Jas. Glass for the most brilliantly played game in a League match during the season was awarded by the judge, J. H. Blake, to J. du Mont for his game against W. Gooding in the Hampstead—Brixton match.

The officers were re-elected *en bloc*, with the substitution of W. Durdin as match-captain of the second team for T. Maxted, to whose continued illness sympathetic reference was made.

The 33rd annual meeting of Cheshire Chess Association was held at the Chester Y.M.C.A. on May 31st.

The following programme for season was approved.

To enter the Northern Counties Championship.

To hold the Cheshire Challenge Cup Competition, and the Minor Club Shield Competition as last year.

To conduct Class A (championship), B, C, and D tournaments if sufficient entries are obtained.

To arrange a match between the East and West of Cheshire.

The following officers were elected :—Patron, Lord Leverhulme ; president, H. Hartley ; captain, J. Kay ; hon. secretary and treasurer, Allan Martindale.

The annual report showed that there are now thirteen affiliated clubs. The Challenge Cup Competition was won by Wilmslow, the holders, who defeated Altrincham County High School in the final by $5\frac{1}{2}$ — $2\frac{1}{2}$.

In the Minor Clubs Challenge Shield, Hale Wesleyans were successful.

W. A. Fairhurst won the individual championship by defeating M. Sutcliffe in the final round after a drawn game. He thus holds the Lever Cup.

A note is made of the good fight put up by Cheshire against Yorkshire ($8\frac{1}{2}$ — $6\frac{1}{2}$) in the Northern Counties Championship. and a very sympathetic reference to the death of two prominent players and supporters, H. B. Lund who was many times president and champion ; and T. H. Allbutt who was secretary from 1894—1897.

The balance sheet shows the sum of £7 11s. 11d. in hand.

Hastings C.C.—The result reached us, unfortunately just too late for publication last month, of a small double-round quadrangular tournament of a novel kind, the participants being Miss Menchik, Miss Musgrave, R. H. Brown and C. C. Exell. The result was a capital victory for Miss Menchik, with a score of $4\frac{1}{2}$ (3 wins, 3 draws). With the White pieces she won all her games, but as Black she was lucky to draw with both Miss Musgrave and Brown. Her style on the whole, however, was a demonstration both of her own talent and of the benefit she has derived from Maroczy's coaching.

The tournament was a triumph for the ladies, as Miss Musgrave was second, and indeed was level with Miss Menchik until she lost to her in the last round. She played throughout with great spirit, and was particularly forcible in the middle-game.

A friendly encounter between Warwickshire and Dorsetshire, whose first match this was as an organised side, has resulted in a win for Warwickshire by 15 to 7. The home county has been at the post-

card game for some years now with a fair amount of success, so that Dorset did very well on its first trial of strength. Only one game had to be adjudicated, though several of the games went the whole six months from November to April. Score:

| WARWICKSHIRE. | | | | | DORSETSHIRE. | | | | |
|---------------|----------------------|----|----|---------------|------------------|----|----|---------------|--|
| 1 | A. H. Owen | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | E. L. Raymond | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 2 | E. P. Jones | .. | .. | *0 | B. B. Eckett | .. | .. | *1 | |
| 3 | Rev. G. D. Rosenthal | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | J. M. Doulton | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 4 | G. Pinson | .. | .. | 1 | D. H. Napper | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 5 | H. L. Little | .. | .. | 1 | Rev. R. B. Reed | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 6 | E. Sammons | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | P. Ward | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 7 | R. H. Bridgwater | .. | .. | 0 | Rev. A. V. Deane | .. | .. | 1 | |
| 8 | W. Syberg | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | A. F. Thomas | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 9 | Dr. A. D. C. Amos | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | H. K. Money | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 10 | A. J. Parry | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | G. Hicks | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 11 | C. F. McClelland | .. | .. | 1 | B. Griffin | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 12 | J. Elvins | .. | .. | 1 | H. W. C. Gould | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 13 | A. F. Anderton | .. | .. | 1 | E. P. Lambert | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 14 | R. Hooper | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | O. Robbins | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 15 | H. S. Hutchinson | .. | .. | 1 | F. Ling | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 16 | R. A. V. Tayar | .. | .. | 1 | F. N. Pidden | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 17 | A. J. Bailey | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | W. B. Webb | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 18 | A. J. Crane | .. | .. | 1 | H. V. Fuller | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 19 | W. E. Evans | .. | .. | 1 | W. A. Buller | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 20 | H. W. Tarver | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | W. J. Ibbett | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 21 | F. A. Millward | .. | .. | 1 | B. H. Rogers | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 22 | P. Pearson | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | W. H. C. Bennett | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 15 | | | | | 7 | | | | |

* Adjudicated.

Kitchin Correspondence Tourney.—This annual competition, the result of which has depended upon the adjudication of one game, is now completed. It has been won by C. W. Roberts, of Huddersfield, with a score of $5\frac{1}{2}$. C. North and A. Drake, both of Sheffield, followed closely with 5 each.

Glasgow C.C.—The annual general meeting was held in the Athenaeum on Tuesday evening, 20th May, president Chas. R. Stewart presiding over a good attendance. The club reports, which showed the club to have had a very active and prosperous season, were adopted. This year, although neither the "Richardson" cup nor the League shield had been won there had been a record number of entries to the various club tourneys, and these all finished sharp to time. There had been a gratifying influx of new members elected, with some young players showing great promise. The season was somewhat expensive, owing to heavy outlays in connection with matches, but the reserve funds of the club were still ample enough. Prizes were presented thus: "West of Scotland" championship cup and prize—Wm. Gibson. Club championship, "Outram" cup, and "Spens" Memorial Medal

—D. M. M'Isaac ; second prize—Dr. J. Forrester. "Minor" championship, "Macfarlane" cup, and first prize—A. R. Bryden ; second prize—Cecil Ogilvie. Reserves Tourney, "Dickson" cup—G. R. Hill. "Gambit" tourney, "Longwill" cup and first prize—Jas. Marshall ; second prize—W. H. Jones. "Double Knock-Out" Handicap, first prize—W. H. Jones ; second prize—Cecil Ogilvie. "W. Black" Medal (for best score in matches)—J. Crabb. Winners in two "Afternoon Handicaps" were Jas. Marshall and Jas. Birch. Office-bearers were elected as below. With great regret the resignation of W. H. Jones as hon. secretary, owing to increasing business calls on his time, was accepted. Mr. Jones during his tenure of office has been a most painstaking and highly-successful secretary, and his labour of love has been greatly to the advantage of the club. Everything Mr. Jones undertook has been carried out with celerity and smoothness ; and with constant urbanity to fellow-members and visitors alike. The club is still to have his services as hon. Librarian, in place of W. Kemp, who is meantime not residing in the city ; and W. T. Logan—an esteemed ex-president—is taking up the duties of hon. secretary. Officials elected or re-elected were :—Hon. president, Dr. Johnstone Macfie ; president, Wm. Gibson ; vice-presidents, James Dickson and Cecil Ogilvie ; captain 1st team, Dr. J. Forrester ; captain 2nd team, A. R. Bryden ; hon. secretary, W. T. Logan ; hon. treasurer, A. J. Neilson ; hon. librarian, W. H. Jones ; council, C. R. Stewart, J. Crabb, and A. Murray. A hearty vote of thanks was awarded to the retiring president, Mr. Stewart, and a cordial welcome was given to his successor, Wm. Gibson, who is known far and near as a leading chess expert, and is certainly a very "strong" president.

At the annual meeting of the Glasgow Ladies' C.C. it was reported that the club membership was nearly forty, and that the past season had been very successful. Chief prize-winners : Championship, Mrs. W. Thomson ; "Gibb" cup, Mrs. Brockett ; second class, Mrs. Reid ; third class, Mrs. J. F. Thomson. Officers appointed for 1924-25 : President, Mrs. M'Chlery ; captain, Mrs. Reid ; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Brockett.

W. Hatton Ward has been appointed chess Editor of the *Referee* in place of the late W. P. Macbean. We congratulate Mr. Hatton Ward, who is not only a chess editor, but a chess organiser with a fine record. He has been hon. secretary of the Hertfordshire Chess Association since it was re-formed in 1914, previous to which he worked the Stockton-on-Tees club to a state of prosperity.

G. Maroczy returned to England on June 5th from the New York Tournament. He did not remain here long, however, as he was due back in his native country (Austria). He will remain there till the end of the summer and will probably play in a national tournament at Gjörl.

He had some interesting reminiscences of the American meeting, pointing out that seven out of the eleven masters competing were non-smokers. Included in them was F. J. Marshall the American champion!—a different state of affairs from the halcyon days of his last visit here, when he was hardly ever without his big cigar!

The captain of the Cunarder in which Maroczy came back challenged the various passing boats to a game of chess by wireless with "one of his passengers." Nothing came of this unfortunately as none of the other liners could boast a chess player at all: an astonishing state of affairs.

Maroczy returns to England on October 1st and will be at Hastings for three months. During that time he will have vacant dates for simultaneous displays and seances and any letters sent to him c/o *The British Chess Magazine* will be suitably dealt with.

NEWS FROM THE IRISH FREE STATE.

The rules and conditions for the Aonac Tailteann chess competitions are now published. The tournaments will be held at Regent House, Trinity College, Dublin. Commence on August 4th and the closing date for entries is June 30th.

There are three separate competitions, each arranged on the American tourney principle, in one or more sections, as follows:—

- A. The Tailteann championship.
- B. The Tailteann Major tournament.
- C. The Tailteann Minor tournament.

The competitions are open to amateur chess players, men and women, who possess either of the following qualifications:—

- (a) Irish birth.
- ! (b) Residence in Ireland for the twelve months prior to August 1st, 1924.

The term "Amateur" means a player who does not pursue the game for the purpose of gain.

The hours of play will be from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. (adjournment); from 6-30 to 10 p.m. (conclusion).

All games will be played under the rules of the British Chess Federation.

The rules may be altered at the discretion of the committee, and every competitor shall be bound to accept every such alteration.

All communications to be addressed to: T. B. Rowland, hon. secretary, Tailteann Chess Committee, College Street, Dublin.

NEWS FROM THE DOMINIONS AND
FOREIGN LANDS.

Canada.—The chess season drawing to a close has been a very successful and encouraging one as far as Toronto is concerned, writes our correspondent in that city. There are now seven well-established clubs: the Toronto, Judean, Varsity, Beaches, Hydro, St. John's and Theosophical organisations. The first four of these entered both "A" and "B" sections of the re-established Toronto Chess League, and the Hydro club the "B" section. The Toronto C.C., under their League title of the St. James's C.C., were the winners of "A," with a score of 5 wins, 1 draw and no losses. "B" was won by Varsity, with a score of 6 wins, 1 draw and 1 loss.

On January 23rd the League engaged the Russian master Alexander Alekhine, to give an exhibition at the Central Y.M.C.A. Play commenced at 8 p.m. against 36 opponents, two of the games being conducted by the master blindfold. At the close of play Alekhine had scored 31 wins, 4 draws (M. Fox, S. E. Gale, G. Eastman and E. Willans), and 1 loss (C. N. Ritchie, of Hamilton).

The first match with Hamilton was played at Hamilton on October 27th, and ended in a victory for Toronto by $5\frac{1}{2}$ — $4\frac{1}{2}$. The return match on May 3rd also went in favour of Toronto, 7—3. Toronto thus became permanent holders of the Shenstone trophy, a handsome chess-table donated by R. G. Hunter. At the subsequent banquet to the visitors, P. Powis, of Hamilton, generously offered to present another trophy for further competition, to be known as the Alfred Powis trophy, in honour of his father, a past veteran of the game. In the "B" matches, the first at Hamilton resulted in a tie of 3 all; but Toronto, winning at home by $5\frac{1}{2}$ — $\frac{1}{2}$, secured the Willans Cup for the year.

At a match between players in the East and West sections of the city, held on New Year's Day at the Central Y.M.C.A., the result went in favour of the West by 13—7, with 2 draws.

The Toronto C.C. championship was won by Malcolm Sim with a score of 6 wins and 2 draws. The "B" championship was won by the holder, F. W. Watson. A knock-out handicap tournament is now in progress.

The season was notable for the arrival of two first-class players in the city, G. Eastman, former champion of Stockholm, and M. Fox of London. The latter is temporarily stationed at Peterborough.

The season's activities have been well reported by the Press, particularly *The Evening Telegram*, whose chess-column, conducted by M. Sim, made special efforts to give due publicity to the New York international tournament.

It is pleasant to be able to record the gradual recovery of Bishop Reeve, president of the Toronto Chess League, after a serious illness and operation. It is, however, sad to chronicle the tragic death, while crossing the street, of L. T. Graham, president of the Beaches Club.

Mr. R. J. Sanders, hon. secretary of the Westmount C.C., Montreal, writes to us that F. D. Yates visited the club on May 14th, when, after presenting the prizes to the winners in the various tournaments, he gave an exhibition of simultaneous play against nine local experts. In two hours he won 7 games, drew 1 and lost 1—the loss being to D. Le Dain, who recently won the championship of Montreal. The Westmount players were very pleased with Mr. Yates's visit to them.

Australia.—At the end of the first half of the Victorian championship, which is as usual a double-round affair, the leading scores were: C. G. Watson, $7\frac{1}{2}$ out of 8; W. Coultas, W. Kaunuluik and S. Woinarski, $5\frac{1}{2}$ each; C. G. Steele, $3\frac{1}{2}$.

The position of last year's winner, Steele, is somewhat of a surprise; there was plainly strong "new blood" in the tournament. It must be mentioned, however, that Steele's score is only up to the end of the seventh round, when he retired.

Play in the (second) Australian Chess Congress begins at Brisbane on August 11th, under the auspices of the Queensland Chess Association. There will be fourteen competitors, among whom, unfortunately, the holder, W. S. Viner, is unable to make one.

New Zealand.—At the fifth annual meeting of the Palmerston North C.C., Mr. H. R. Thornburn was elected president for the forthcoming year. The balance sheet revealed a slight loss, but otherwise the club's situation appears satisfactory. The championship for 1923-4 was won by G. R. Morine; the previous holder, F. W. Connell, was early compelled to retire from the contest.

South Africa.—A match at Pretoria, Civil Service *v.* Rest of Pretoria, ended in a victory for the Rest, 45—35.

In the championship of the Durban C.C. this year neither L. Pierce (holder) nor S. Diamond is competing.

On March 26th the Durban C.C. beat the Railways and Harbour Institute C.C., $9\frac{1}{2}$ — $4\frac{1}{2}$.

The thirty-ninth annual meeting of the Cape Town C.C. was held on April 10th, when it was stated that the membership remained unchanged at forty-nine, and that there was a small credit balance. A. J. A. Cameron was elected a life member in recognition of his services to chess in Cape Town.

The championship tourney of the chess section of the Union Club, Johannesburg, ended in a tie between Messrs. Broer and Harrison, which is being played off.

July 14th is the date fixed for the opening of the S.A. chess congress at Durban.

British Guiana.—The Capello gold medal of the B.G.C.C. has been won by J. Golsalves, D. B. Robinson being second. There were fourteen competitors.

United States.—Before his departure for Europe, at the beginning of March, A. Alekhine gave altogether thirty-three exhibitions of simultaneous play, including five blindfold. In these he played altogether 993 games, winning 846, drawing 92, and losing 55. In his fifth blindfold display, at the Hotel Alamac, N.Y., on April 27th, he set up a new world's record, meeting 26 opponents, winning 16 games, drawing 5, and losing 5. His total blindfold record was : 77 games; played, 51 won, 15 drawn, and 11 lost.

The Brooklyn Eagle characterises this as "about as successful a tour as any foreigner ever made here."

It is to be noted that the Canadian results are included with those in the States.

Others of the masters over for the New York tournament also indulged in simultaneous displays, e.g., Dr. Lasker, G. Maroczy, E. D. Bogoljuboff and F. D. Yates. The last named, playing 23 opponents at the Allerton House, Manhattan, beat 21, drew with one, and lost to one. Maroczy, at the Hungarian Chess Club, Manhattan, took on no less than 52, his score being 41 wins, 5 draws, and 6 losses.

The Brooklyn Eagle says of Yates's visit to America : "He was a welcome visitor at all the clubs, and because of his modest demeanour and sociability was voted a likeable chap."

The two brilliancy prizes for games played in last season's contests of the Metropolitan Chess League, New York, have been awarded to H. R. Bigelow (Marshall C.C.) and E. B. Adams (International).

Marshall, on May 14th, started on a tour of Canada and the Middle-West.

In a match *v.* Kupchik, Bogoljuboff won the first three games. Kupchik won the next, and then followed two draws.

Julius Finn, one of the strongest amateurs in the States, left at the end of May for a three months' trip to Europe.

The match on May 30th between San Francisco and Los Angeles saw only four out of twelve games finished after eleven hours' play. The scores were : San Francisco 2, Los Angeles 1, drawn 1, with eight games left for adjudication.

Belgium.—An open tournament is announced at the watering-place, Westende-Plage (thirty minutes' distance from Ostend), August 1st—10th. The prizes will be objects of art and in kind. No entrance fee is required, and entries should be sent to M. Lancel, 79 rue Gillon, Brussels, before July 11th.

Switzerland.—In the National Congress at Interlaken, July 20th—27th, the principal event will be the championship, open to 12 players.

M. Jack-Ounine, a well-known figure in Genevan chess circles, has left for the United States. Just before his departure he contested a match with G. Leal, who won by 2—0, with 3 draws.

Czecho-Slovakia.—From June 29th to July 8th the first national congress is being held at Bratislava (Pressburg), the principal events being a masters' tournament and, on July 6th, a 15-a-side match against Austria.

Poland.—A double-round match, the first round being played in Warsaw and the second in Lodz, has been contested between four chess representatives of each of those towns, every member of each team meeting four opponents in turn. Warsaw was represented by Elamberg, Lovtzky, Przepiorka and Szwartzmann; and Lodz by Daniszewski, Gottesdiener, Hirszbein and Kolski. Warsaw won, 23—9.

Denmark.—At the fifteenth congress of the Danish Chess Union the master tournament was won by A. Kier, of Aarhus, with a clean score of 7 points. Erik Andersen, of Copenhagen, was second with 6.

On August 11th—23rd the Nordisk Skakforbund, which includes the three Scandinavian countries, holds a congress at Copenhagen.

Russia.—The championship of Petrograd has been won by G. Löwenfisch, that of Moscow by N. Grigorieff (for the third time), and at Kieff the first Ukranian tournament has been won by J. Wilner, of Odessa.

Argentina.—The blindfold tournament organised by the Club Argentino de Ajedrez, to which we referred in our April issue, has been won by Ernesto Grieben with a score of 10½ points. There were eight players for a double-round event, but three of them retired at various stages.

Damian Reca is reported to have won his match *v.* B. H. Villegas for the Argentine championship; but the score is not to hand yet.

In a match between B. H. Villegas and J. A. Lynch, ex-champion of the Club Argentino de Ajedrez, the latter scored 1½—½.

The cable match between Brazil and Argentina resulted, after the adjudication of the unfinished games by Sr. Berasain, the Uruguayan arbitrator, in a victory for Brazil by 3—1, with 4 draws.

The teams and individual scores were as follows, the names of the Brazilian players being put first in each case:—

H. Carlos ½, G. Bones ½; L. Vianna 0, D. Reca 1; M. Briquet —, R. Grau —; Souza Mendes, jr. 1, B. Villegas 0; O. Trompowsky —, Subira y del Rio —; Barbosa de Oliveira —, L. Palau —; R. de Castro —, R. de Witt —; V. Romano 1, F. Coria 0. Totals: Brazil 5, Argentina 3.

On June 12th, Geza Maroczy, who had been paying London a short visit after his return from New York, left for Rotterdam, on his way to Berlin and Hungary. He expects to be back in England in September, and has another three months' engagement with the Hastings Chess Club.

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Trophies Tourney.—The following tables giving the score to date will be interesting to all taking part in Classes I and II.

TROPHIES TOURNEY.

CLASS IA.

| | I | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | T'l. |
|---------------------|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------------|----|----------------|
| 1 Bodkin | — | I | | | O | O | $\frac{1}{2}$ | O | I | | 2 |
| 2 Chambers | O | — | | I | | $\frac{1}{2}$ O | $\frac{1}{2}$ | | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ | | $2\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 3 Clarke | | | — | | | O | | | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ | | $2\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 4 Ffoulkes | | O | | — | I | I | | O | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ | | $2\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 5 Gunston | I | | | O | — | I | | | I | I | 4 |
| 6 Holmes | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | O | O | — | O | | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ | | 4 |
| 7 Illingworth | | $\frac{1}{2}$ | | | I | I | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ | | $3\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 8 Macdonald | I | | | I | | | $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | | I | $3\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 9 Lawrence | O | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | O | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | O | — | O | $2\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 10 Parsons | | | | | O | O | | | I | — | I |

CLASS IB.

| | I | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | T'l. |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|---|---------------|---|---------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| 1 Bussell | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | | O | I | | $4\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 2 Cope | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | | I | I | | O | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ | | I | 4 |
| 3 Jones, E. M. | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ | | — | I | | I | | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ | 4 |
| 4 Jones, D. J. | O | O | O | — | O | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| 5 Matthews | $\frac{1}{2}$ | O | | I | — | | O | $\frac{1}{2}$ | O | I | 4 |
| 6 Mogg | O | | O | I | | — | O | O | O | I | 2 |
| 7 Rhead | | I | | I | O | I | — | O | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ | | $3\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 8 Sheppard | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | I | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | 7 |
| 9 Sparke | O | | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | I | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | I | $5\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 10 White | | O | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | O | O | | O | O | — | $1\frac{1}{2}$ |

CLASS 2A.

| | I | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | T'l. |
|--------------------|---|---------------|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---|---------------|----|----------------|
| 1 Blanshard | — | O | | O | O | O | | | O | | O |
| 2 Colborne | I | — | | $\frac{1}{2}$ | O | O | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | | $4\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 3 Evill | | | — | O | | I | | | I | | I |
| 4 Finch | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | — | I | O | | I | I | | $5\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 5 North | I | I | | O | — | | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | O | | $3\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 6 Richardson | I | O | I | I | | — | | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | $6\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 7 Rutherford | | $\frac{1}{2}$ | | | $\frac{1}{2}$ | O | I | | | | I |
| 8 Vosper | | O | | O | O | O | — | — | | | O |
| 9 Wilson | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | O | O | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | | | — | | 3 |
| 10 Windybank | | | | | | O | | | | — | O |

CLASS 2B.

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | T'l. |
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| 1 Brayne | — | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 1 | | 0 | | | 1 |
| 2 Dancer | 1 | — | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | $2\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 3 Ditcham | 1 | 1 | — | 0 | | 1 | | | 1 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 4 Jayne | | 0 | 1 | — | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | | 4 |
| 5 Kitchener | 1 | 1 | | 0 | — | | | | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| 6 Maden | 0 | 1 | 0 | | | — | 0 | | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 7 Malone | | $\frac{1}{2}$ | | | | 1 | — | 1 | 0 | | $2\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 8 Terry | 1 | 1 | | 0 | | | 0 | — | | | 2 |
| 9 Toledano | | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | | — | 0 | 3 |
| 10 Ward | | 1 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | | 0 | 1 | | | 1 | — | $3\frac{1}{2}$ |

Trophies Tourney Results.—Class 3a: Munro 1, Shead 0; Snook 1, Hays 0; Snook 1, Murray 0; Munro 1, Hays 0; Shead 1, Snook 0; Shead 1, Heath 0. Class 3b: Wallis 1, Gurney 0. Class 4a: Holmes 1, Laslett 0; Walton 1, Hall 0; Laslett 1, Duffell 0; Duffell 1, Thomas 0. Class 4b: Day 1, Seymour 0. Class 4c: Pugh 1, Roberts 0 (by default); Redfern 1, Taylor 0. Class 5a: Wilcox 1, Collins 0; Davis 1, Tott 0; Collins 1, Ashley 0; Ainsworth 1, Collins 0; Ainsworth 1, Ashley 0; Ainsworth 1, Tott 0; Beckwith 1, Ainsworth 0; Wilcox 1, Ainsworth 0; Gracey 1, Ainsworth 0; Gracey 1, Ashley 0. Class 5b: Houghton 1, Tysall 0; Coole 1, Curson 0; Coole 1, Houghton 0. Class 5c: Lister 1, Roberts 0; Lister 1, Newbold 0; Folley 1, Parr 0; Folley 1, Newbold 0.

Matches.—The scores in our matches are as follow, the B.C.C.A. score being given first: *v. Chess Amateur* ($7\frac{1}{2}$ — $15\frac{1}{2}$); *v. Belfast News-Letter* (2—1); *v. Poor Law Officers* (1—2).

Errata in "The Abbot and the Chess Player," *B.C.M.*, June, page 226 :—
 Verse 11, last line, for "score" read "sore."
 „ 16, first line, for "ose" read "lose."
 „ 16, second line, for "King" read "Kind."

CHESS FOR BEGINNERS

(Continued from page 248).

The solutions of the problems in the June number are as follows: **153** is taken from a game in the Hauptturnier at Meran. Black played P—B 4 and lost; the annotator of the game remarked that this was a bad move, but did not suggest a better. Mr. Whitaker, of United States, suggests 1.., Kt×Q B P; 2 B×Kt, B×Kt; 3 B×Q, B×Q; 4 B×B P ch, K×B; 5 R×B, B—B 3; 6 B×B, P×B, or if 6 B—Kt 4, K R—B 1 would draw. **154.** 1 Q—Kt 5 ch, B×Q; 2 R×P ch, P×R; 3 B—B 7 mate. **155** was sent me by M. G. Kendall, from an actual game of his, in which he played 1 Kt—B 6 and Black moved his Bishop, leaving a mate in five. He could have made the win more difficult by 1.., P×P; 2 P—Kt 3 ch, K—Kt 4; 3 Kt×B, K—Kt 5;

but White's strongest line is 1 P—B 4, if Black moves his Bishop, White mates in four. If 1.., P—Kt 6 ch; 2 P×P ch, K—R 4; 3 Kt—B 6 ch and wins. If 1.., P—B 3!; 2 Kt×P, B—Kt 3!; 3 P—Kt 3 ch, K—R 5; 4 K—Kt 1, B—R 2!; 5 Kt—K 5, B—Kt 1; 6 Kt—Q 3, B—Kt 6!; 7 Kt×P and wins. 156. I cannot remember where I got this position, but it appears to be a draw. If 1 K—Kt 1, R—R 8 ch; 2 K—R 2, R—R 7 ch; 3 K—R 3, R—R 8; 4 K—R 4, K—B 5, etc. If 1 K—K 1, K—K 6; 2 K—Q 1, K—Q 6; 3 K—B 1, K—B 6; 4 K—Kt 1, R—Kt 7 ch; 5 K—R 1, R—Kt 7; 6 R—R 8, R—Kt 8 ch; 7 K—R 2, R—Kt 7 ch; 8 K—R 3, R—Kt 8, etc.

Will those solvers who have not adopted pseudonyms or initials, kindly do so, for now that Mr. Stevenson has agreed to take over "News from the British Isles," I shall have more time to elaborate my pages under "Chess for Beginners," and my first attempt to do so will be to take solvers' solutions separately and show them where they fell short of the best answers, hoping by this means to add interest to the solutions, and to aid each solver towards the successful solving of future problems, both in the pages of the magazine and over the board.

There were 37 solvers last month, and included two new ones. Several, as I expected, found 149 somewhat too much for them, but I feel confident that even the veriest "tyro" gets some benefit from studying positions such as these, which frequently occur not only in master play, but also in amateur circles, where both have a certain book knowledge of the openings. Those who gave the solution of 150 which I gave are rather suspect! They probably saw it in *Chess Masterpieces*. The majority gave 1 Kt—B 6, for which I awarded four marks, some 1 Kt—Q 6. Though many got 151 approximately correct, very few gave Black the benefit of the best moves, and their win therefore appeared to be more easy than it really is. 152 puzzled quite a number of the regulars and "a win for Black" was the more common answer. C. Ellice climbs the ladder for the first time, and I congratulate him. His score will now be cancelled.

C. Ellice, 321, 2, 4, 4, 5, 336; Rev. J. B. Bourne (1), 285, 1, 4, 2, 0, 292; "R.W.E.," 275, 3, 4, 1, 1, 284; "G.A.W." (1), 267, 3, 4, 4, 5, 283; C. C. Excell, 252, —, 4, 3, —, 259; "N.M." (2), 245, 1, 4, 1, 1, 252; "A.W.T.H.," 224, 1, 4, 3, 3, 235; T. E. Storrs, 202, 4, 4, 4, 5, 219; D. E. Budge (1), 195, 3, 4, 4, 4, 210; "C.P." (1), 190, —, 2, —, 4, 196; J. Alcock, 184, no solutions; J. A. Evans (1), 163, 2, 4, 5, 5, 179; "J.W.T.," 159, —, 3, 2, 5, 169; C. J. Cole (1), 156, 1, 4, 2, 4, 167; A. E. Smith (1), 150, 5, 4, 0, 2, 161; Wm. Skirrow (1), 150, 2, 4, 3, 2, 161; "F.H." (1), 136, 2, 4, 3, 3, 148; C. Skertchley, 109, 2, 4, 4, 2, 121; C. H. Jago, 101, 1, 4, 5, 5, 116; "Tyro," 101, 1, 4, 3, 5, 114; D. R. Langton (1), 98, 2, 3, 3, 4, 110; "Clare," 94, 1, 4, 4, 4, 107; "Worton," 87, 4, 4, 4, 3, 102; A. Lockley, 86, 2, 4, 3, 4, 99; A. G. Allen (2), 78, 1, 3, 3, —, 85; J. C. Derlian, 75, 1, 4, 0, 5, 85; C. G. Caldecott, 54, 1, 4, 1, 1, 61; "Moseley" (1), 50, no solutions; F. M. Reade (1), 48, 1, 4, 4, 2, 59; "J.E.D.," 33, 1, 3, 0, 4, 41; "Beta," 31, 2, 4, 3, 4, 44; F. Newell, 18, 2, 5, 3, 1, 29; S. Y. Harwich,

17, 1, 4, 5, 2, 29; M. G. Kendall, 15, 2, 4, 2, 1, 24; J. U. James, 15, 1, 4, 2, 1, 23; A. D. C. Amos (2), 2, 5, 1, 5, 13; "W.H.C.," 1, 2, 1, 4, 8; "C.McC.," -, 3, 2, -, 5; "H.F.," 1, 1, 1, 1, 4.

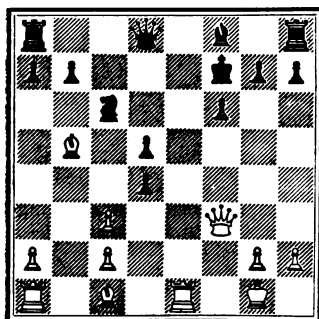
REMARKS TO SOLVERS.—"J.W.T."—*Re* 149. You cannot expect a 'coup' in the opening, unless one player has made some serious blunder. This problem was set for the purpose of testing solvers' knowledge of opening play, and development. "N.M."—Your solutions this month show signs of it. I wish I had never written a book on the openings! So does my family!! "C.C.E."—Never mind, I expect the time you spent on it (149) will help you in the future. "G.A.W."—Although not quite correct, the reasons for each move given in answer to 149 show you have grasped the laws of development better than many a strong player. "R.W.E."—(149) 13.., Kt×B is bad, as Black's Queen's Bishop's Pawn is thereby always backward. (150) Charousek's move of R—Q 6 is very chessy, but I must own that I should not have looked for anything better than Kt—B 6. Hope you have noted where your examination of 151 and 152 was wrong. "I.B.B."—You make a fair case out for Black in 149 by giving a weak move for White in 2 B—B 2. See note to "R.W.E." with regard to 151 and 152. 48 Sloane Square.—Unsigned, 2, 4, 4, 5. "A.D.C.A."—See answer to "J.B.B." *re* 149. The second variation is much better. 150. Your own? If so, hearty congratulations. The real solution of 151 is worth studying. "T.E.S."—Despite your comments, I do not like 15 Q—Q 3 in 149, but generally your solutions last month show an excellent grasp of the positions set. "C.P."—You must elaborate your solutions more on the lines of the solutions given each month before I can be certain you have solved the problems. "J.A.E."—Yours, on the other hand, are too elaborate, as a rule, but better this month. In a *good* problem there should not, of course, be two ways of winning, or drawing, as the case may be. "C.J.C."—The solution you give of 151 cannot be made in the way you give. See solution given of 149 in answer to 1.., B—K B 4. "A.E.S."—Your 15 Kt—Kt 3 in variation iii in 149 is weak. It will be worth while studying 151 and 152 carefully with the solutions. "F.H."—What was your conclusion as to result of 152, your solution hardly conveyed it. "Tyro."—Your solution of 151 is insufficient to show you have grasped it. "Clare."—Your first move for White in 149 is not the best. You own yourself that the fifth move you suggest is not the best, to solve a problem the best on both sides is wanted. "C.G.C."—I will look up your answer to 144 and check it. "Beta."—I often feel a beginner myself. "Improvers" is, I believe, a feminine dress term! "W.H.C."—I left the printer to put in the date! Study the solutions carefully afterwards. It is best to retain a copy of those you have sent in to compare with them. This should help you. Ask any questions you wish. Later this month I will try and find time to write you direct. "C.M.C."—See remarks to "J.A.E." Your answer to 150 is weakened by two incorrect lines. "H.F."—I'm very glad to welcome you among the solvers, but it will be difficult to award marks, unless you can give variations to prove your contentions

—on the lines of the solutions given last month. "S.Y.H."—No, the details you give are just about right.

Problem No. 157. A game commenced 1 P—K 4, P—K 4; 2 Kt—Q B 3, Kt—K B 3; 3 P—B 4, P—Q 4; 4 B P×P, Kt×P; 5 Kt—B 3, B—K Kt 5; 6 Q—K 2, Kt×Kt; 7 Kt P×Kt, P—Q B 4; 8 Q—B 2, Kt—B 3; 9 P—Q 4, P×P; 10 B—Q 3, B×Kt; 11 Q×B, Kt×P; 12 B—Kt 5 ch, Kt—B 3; 13 Castles, P—B 3; 14 R—K 1 ch, K—B 2. Criticise Black's play, and suggest best continuation for White. The position is given below.

Problem No. 157.

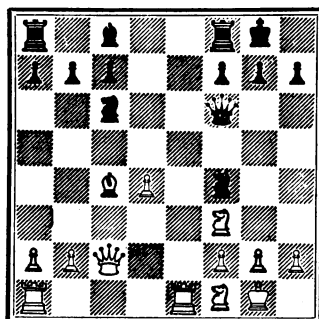
BLACK (13 pieces)



WHITE (11 pieces)

Problem No. 158.

BLACK (13 pieces)

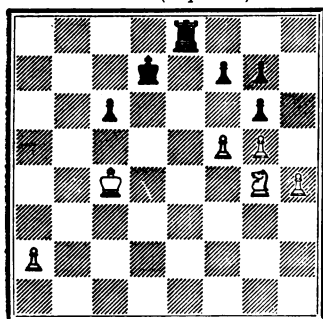


WHITE (13 pieces)

Black to play.
How should he continue ?

Problem No. 159.

BLACK (6 pieces)

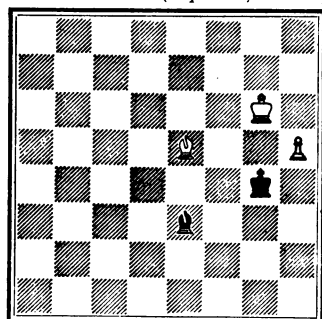


WHITE (6 pieces)

White to play.
What result and how ?

Problem No. 160.

BLACK (2 pieces)



WHITE (3 pieces)

White to play.
What result and how ?

Solutions to be sent to R. C. Griffith, 18 Wedderburn Road, London, N.W.3, by July 31st, 1924.

GAME DEPARTMENT

Four games from the New York International tournament
Notes by J. H. Blake.

GAME No. 5,248.

Played in the tenth round.

French Defence.

| WHITE | BLACK |
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| Dr. E. LASKER | R. RÉTI |
| 1 P—K 4 | 1 P—K 3 |
| 2 P—Q 4 | 2 P—Q 4 |
| 3 Kt—Q B 3 | 3 Kt—K B 3 |
| 4 B—K Kt 5 | 4 B—Kt 5 |
| 5 Kt—K 2 | |

A simple but effective method of treating the MacCutcheon defence, attributed to the Austrian player, H. Wolf.

5 P×P

.....Strictly logical, of course, but 5... P—K R 3 may nevertheless be better tactics.

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| 6 P—Q R 3 | 6 B—K 2 |
| 7 B×Kt | 7 P×B |

.....The choice is embarrassing. The text-move weakens the King's side; but 7... B×B leaves White with a strongly posted Knight at K 4, which can only be turned out by weakening seriously the King's Pawn, and which moreover hinders Black in operating against White's Queen's Pawn by ... P—Q B 4.

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| 8 Kt×P | 8 P—K B 4 |
| 9 Q Kt—B 3 | 9 B—Q 2 |

.....9... Kt—Q 2, intending to follow with ... Kt—B 3, ... P—Q Kt 3, etc., is more in accordance with the spirit of the defence.

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| 10 Q—Q 2 | 10 B—Q 3 |
| 11 Castles | 11 Q—K 2 |
| 12 Kt—Kt 3 | 12 Q—R 5 |
| 13 Q—K 1 | 13 Kt—B 3 |

.....The Black King is now dangerously situated in the centre, and the present is a favourable moment for Castling. The exchange of his doubled Pawn

against White's Queen's Pawn only facilitates the opening of White's files and diagonals, with the ultimate gain of an important Pawn.

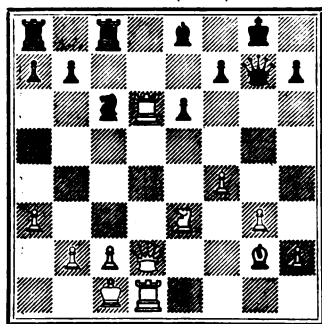
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| 14 Kt×P | 14 Q—B 5 ch |
| 15 Kt—K 3 | 15 Kt×P |
| 16 P—K Kt 3 | 16 Q—K 4 |
| 17 B—Kt 2 | 17 Kt—B 3 |
| 18 P—B 4 | 18 Q—Kt 2 |
| 19 Kt—Kt 5 | 19 Castles K R |

.....There is no avoiding the loss of a Pawn, for if 19... Q—B 1; 20 Kt—B 5!

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| 20 Kt×B | 20 P×Kt |
| 21 R×P | 21 K R—Q 1 |
| 22 Q—Q 2 | 22 B—K 1 |
| 23 R—Q 1 | 23 K R—B 1 |

Position after 23... K R—B 1.

BLACK (RÉTI)



WHITE (LASKER)

24 P—B 5

White now winds up forcibly; but Réti's play was below the standard which he exhibited in the earlier part of the tournament.

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| | 24 P—K 4 |
| 25 P—B 6 | 25 Q—B 1 |

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| 26 Kt—B 5 | 26 K—R 1 | 29 R—Q 8 | 29 K R—B 1 |
| 27 Q—Kt 5 | 27 R—B 2 | 30 Q—Kt 7 ch | 30 Q×Q |
| 28 B×Kt | 28 R×B | 31 P×Q ch | 31 K—Kt 1 |
|Not 28... B×B, because | | 32 Kt—K 7 ch | 32 Resigns |
| of 29 R—Q 8, R×R; 30 R×R, | | | |
| B—K 1; 31 R×B! | | | |

GAME No. 5,249.

Played in the thirteenth round.

Irregular Opening.

- | WHITE | BLACK |
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| R. RÉTI | A. ALEKHINE |
| 1 Kt—K B 3 | 1 P—K Kt 3 |
| 2 P—Q 4 | 2 Kt—K B 3 |
| 3 B—B 4 | 3 B—Kt 2 |
| 4 P—K R 3 | 4 P—B 4 |
| 5 P—K 3 | 5 P—Kt 3 |

.....The double fianchetto is frequently adopted by Réti as part of the "hyper-modern" treatment of the close openings. This is an attempt to exploit it against him on an occasion when he is not using it. Masters of an older school condemn this treatment of the Bishops chiefly on the ground that it does not admit of both of them attacking the opposing King's position together; but according to the "hyper-moderns" there is in close openings a struggle for command of the centre, before there can be any question of attacking the King's quarters; now the Bishops at their respective Knight's second squares command the opponent's King's and Queen's fourth squares, and thus greatly assist in this struggle for the centre. The question between the two schools is thus reduced to one of where the point of convergence should be. "Consider the end," advises the old school. "First things first," retorts the new. That the new theory is not without merit may be inferred from its occasional use by the Champion; see Game No. 5,244.

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| 6 Q Kt—Q 2 | 6 B—Kt 2 |
| 7 B—Q 3 | 7 Castles |
| 8 Castles | 8 P—Q 3 |
| 9 P—B 3 | 9 Q Kt—Q 2 |

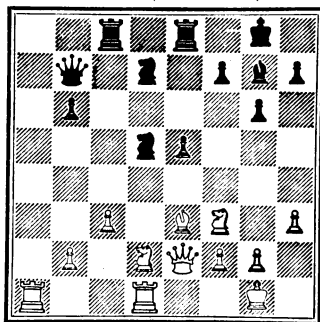
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| 10 Q—K 2 | 10 Q R—B 1 |
| 11 P—Q R 4 | |

Indicating that he has located the chief weakness in Black's position, and formed his plans to exploit it.

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| 11 R—K 1 | |
| 12 B—R 6 | 12 Q—B 2 |
| 13 P—R 5 | 13 B P×Q P |
| 14 K P×P | 14 P—K 4 |
| 15 P×K P | 15 P×K P |
| 16 B—K 3 | 16 Kt—Q 4 |
| 17 P×P | 17 P×P |
| 18 B×B | 18 Q×B |
| 19 K R—Q 1 | |

Position after 19 K R—Q 1.

BLACK (ALEKHINE)



WHITE (RÉTI)

19 P—K 5

.....A mistake, as it lets the White Knight across to assist the attack on Black's weaker side. 19... P—B 4; 20 Q—Kt 5, P—B 5; 21 Kt—B 4! is also not good for Black. 19... Kt×B; 20 Q×Kt, R—R 1 would be

safety tactics ; but at this point the two players stood equal in the score with seven each, and Black was perhaps reluctant to consider a drawing line.

20 Kt—Q 4 20 P—B 4

.....20... R—R 1 (if 21 R×R, Q×R) is now imperative.

21 Kt—Kt5 21 P—B 5

.....21... Q—Kt 1 avoids immediate loss, but leaves White in complete command of the situation.

22 Kt—Q 6 22 Q—B 3
23 Kt×K R 23 R×Kt
24 Q—B 4 24 Kt—K 4
25 Q×Q 25 Kt×Q
26 Kt—B 4 26 Kt×P
27 P×Kt 27 P×B
28 Kt×K P 28 B×P

.....A final mistake, but the game could not long be held in any case.

29 Q R—B 1 29 Kt—Q 5
30 K—B 1 30 Kt—Kt 4
31 R—Q 5 31 Resigns

GAME NO. 5,250.

Played in the nineteenth round.

Caro-Kann Defence.

WHITE
F. D. YATES

BLACK
R. RÉTI

1 P—K 4 1 P—Q B 3
2 P—Q 4 2 P—Q 4
3 Kt—Q B 3 3 P×P
4 Kt×P 4 B—B 4

.....4... Kt—B 3 ; 5 Kt×Kt, K P×Kt is a surer line.

5 Kt—Kt 3 5 B—Kt 3
6 Kt—B 3 6 Kt—Q 2
7 P—B 3

7 P—K R 4 was played by Dr. Lasker v. Lee, London, 1899, and is frequently adopted by Alekhine.

1 7 K Kt—B 3
8 B—Q B 4 8 P—K 3
9 Q—K 2 9 B—K 2
10 Castles 10 Castles
11 R—K 1 11 Kt—Q 4

.....White's threat of 12 B×P could be better parried by 13... R—K 1, as the Knight can easily be driven from the post now occupied.

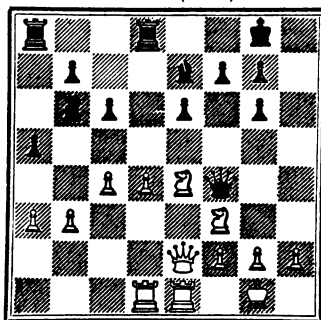
12 B—Kt 3 12 P—Q R 4
13 P—Q R 3 13 Q—B 2
14 P—B 4 14 Kt—B 5
15 B×Kt 1 15 Q×B
16 Q R—Q 1 16 B—B 3
17 B—B 2 17 K R—Q 1
18 B×B 18 R P×B

19 Kt—K 4 19 Kt—Kt 3
20 P—Q Kt 3 20 B—K 2

.....Expecting 21 P—Q R 4, B—Kt 5, which drives the White Rook back to K B 1 ; but in aiming at an apparently weak spot in White's Pawn formation he is exposing a worse one in his own, viz., his K B 2. This White proceeds to take advantage of very smartly.

Position after 20... B—K 2.

BLACK (RÉTI)



WHITE (YATES)

21 R—Q 3 ! 21 B×P

.....It would have been prudent to withdraw the Queen at once by ... Q—B 2 ; then 22 P—Q R 4, and if 22... B—Kt 5 White simply doubles Rooks on the Queen's file with a markedly superior position.

22 Kt—K 5 22 Q—R 5
 23 R—R 3 23 Q—K 2
 24 Kt—Kt 5!

A fine surprise stroke!

24 Resigns

.....For if 24... Q×Kt;
 25 R—R 8 ch, K×R; 26 Kt×
 P ch, and wins. If 24... R—
 KB 1; 25 Q—Kt 4 wins.

GAME No. 5,251.

Played in the twentieth round.

Ruy Lopez.

| WHITE | BLACK |
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| F. D. YATES | J. R. CAPABLANCA |
| 1 P—K 4 | 1 P—K 4 |
| 2 Kt—KB 3 | 2 Kt—QB 3 |
| 3 B—Kt 5 | 3 P—QR 3 |
| 4 B—R 4 | 4 Kt—B 3 |
| 5 Castles | 5 B—K 2 |

.....It is noticeable that the Champion restricts White's lines of attack by playing only close defences to this opening.

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| 6 R—K 1 | 6 P—Q Kt 4 |
| 7 B—Kt 3 | 7 P—Q 3 |
| 8 P—B 3 | 8 Castles |
| 9 P—Q 4 | |

Dr. Tarrasch plays 9 P—KR 3 before advancing this Pawn, whilst other masters prefer 9 P—Q 3 followed by the transfer of the Queen's Knight to the King's wing before advancing in the centre.

9 B—Kt 5

10 B—K 3

A game between Spielmann and Marshall (Carlsbad, 1911) was continued 10 P—Q 5, Kt—QR 4; 11 B—B 2, Q—Q 2; 12 Q Kt—Q 2, P—B 3.

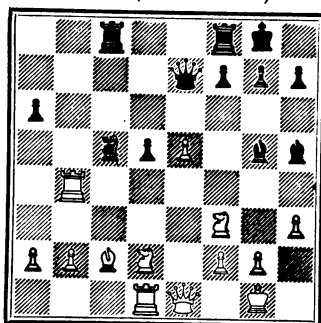
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| 10 P×P | 10 P×P |
| 11 B—B 2 | 11 Kt—QR 4 |
| 12 Q Kt—Q 2 | 12 Kt—B 5 |
| 13 R×Kt | 13 Kt×B |
| 14 Q—K 1 | 14 P—B 4 |
| 15 P—KR 3 | 15 Kt—Q 2 |
| 16 P×P | 16 B—R 4 |
| 17 R—Q 1 | 17 Kt×P |

Necessary to the contemplated 19 P—K 5, because if 18 P—K 5, then 18... P—Q 4 (threatening 19... P—Q 5) whereas after 18 R—Q 1 and 19 P—K 5 the move 19... P—Q 4 can be effectively met by 20 Kt—K 4.

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| 18 R—B 1 | 19 P—K 5 |
| 19 B—Kt 4 | 20 R—B 3 |
| 20 P—Kt 5 | 21 R—B 4 |
| 21 P—Q 4? | 22 R×P |
| 22 Q—K 2 | |

Position after 22... Q—K 2.

BLACK (CAPABLANCA)



WHITE (YATES)

.....Now, to all appearances, White, with two undefended pieces, and 23... Kt—Q 6 threatened, is in difficulties.

23 Kt×B

The danger, however, was in appearance only, for upon 23 P—R 3! nothing serious would happen. If 23... P—R 4; 24 R—Kt 5, Q—K 1; 25 P—QR 4. Or 23... Kt—K 5; 24 Kt×Kt! Or 23... KB×Kt; 24 Q×B.

B×Kt; 25 P×B, Q×P; 26 Q×P. In fact, after 23 P—R 3 White has a distinct superiority of position, besides a Pawn to the good, and has excellent winning prospects owing to the weakness of Black's Queen's wing. The drawing combination is very well planned; and it is probable that Mr. Yates spent so much time in trying to find a win by that means that he did not afterwards feel justified in taking the risk of another method with insufficient time.

23 B×R
24 K—R 1
25 Q×Kt
24 B×P ch
25 R—K R 4

.....He cannot escape the draw by 25... P—Kt 3 because of 26 Q×B, Q×Kt; 27 Kt—B 3, Q—K 2; 28 Q—Q 2! and wins.

26 P—B 4
27 B—B 2 ch
28 B—R 7 ch
26 Q—K 2
27 K—Kt 1
28 K—R 1

Drawn by perpetual check.

GAME NO. 5,252.

Played in the last championship tournament of the Los Angeles Chess Club. Notes by J. H. Blake.

Irregular Opening.

WHITE
S. MLOTKOWSKI
1 P—Q 4
.....Noticed by the *Handbuch* as the Polish Defence. 3 B—Q 3 is quoted from a Swiss tournament game and 3 P—Q 5, Kt—K B 3; 4 P—K B 3, P—Q R 3; 5 P—Q B 4 given as a good alternative.
2 P—K 4
3 Kt—Q 2
4 P—Q B 3
5 B—Q 3
6 Kt—K 2?
7 Castles
8 B—B 2
9 Kt—K Kt 3
10 P—K R 3

BLACK
E. SCHRADER
1 P—Q Kt 4

12 P—B 4 to release the Knight allows Black to reply effectively 12... Kt—K R 4.

12 P—Q 4
13 Kt—Q 2
13 P—K 5
14 P×P

But now 14 P—B 4, threatening to go farther, might well have come in.

14 Q P×P
15 Kt—K 4
16 B—Kt 5
17 Q—Kt 4
18 P×P
15 Q—B 2
16 B—K 2
17 P—B 3?

With the Black Queen's Bishop already occupying the long diagonal it would be dangerous to allow the Black Pawn to reach K-R 6; this points to the conventional K Kt—B 3 having been the better development for his King's Knight, which is now unjustly condemned to a long inactivity.

10 P—R 5
11 Kt—R 1
12 P—Q Kt 3
10 P—Q 3

White now goes in for winning a Pawn, but might possibly have done better, thus: 18 Q×K P, Kt—Q 1 (P×B, 19 Kt—Q 6 ch wins); 19 Kt—Q 6 ch, Q×Kt!; 20 B—Kt 6 ch, K—B 1; 21 P×Q, Kt×Q; 22 P×B ch, K×P; 23 B—B 1!, and with a passed Pawn, an open King's file for his Rooks, and open diagonals for his Bishops, White's prospects are excellent. Black could have avoided this by 17... P—B 4, compelling 18 P×P *en passant*. From this point the game abounds in interesting positions.

19 B×B P 18 P×P
 20 Q—Kt 6 ch 19 B×B
 21 Kt×B 20 K—K 2
 22 Q—Kt 7 ch 21 Kt×Kt
 23 Q×Kt 22 K—Q 3
 24 Q—Kt 5 23 Q R—K B 1
 25 Q—B 5 ch 24 Q—B 2

25 P—B 3, suggested by Mr. N. T. Whitaker, would have lessened White's difficulties appreciably.

26 K R—K 1 25 K—B 2

To provide an adequate reply to White's next.

27 R—K 5 26 R—R 4
 28 P×R 27 R×R
 29 Q—K 3 28 R—Q 1
 30 P—B 4 29 Q—Kt 2
 30 R—K Kt 1

.....This gives White time. The right course now was 30... Kt—Kt 5; 31 B—K 4, Kt—Q 4 (if 32 B×Kt, R×B 1, threatening 33... R—Q 8 ch); and White would have great difficulty in maintaining his extra Pawn.

31 B—K 4 31 R—K B 1

.....This and the next move would have been more effective if played in the reverse order, thus: 31... Q—R 3; 32 Q—B 2 or R—K 1, R—K B 1; and to save his Pawn White has to exchange his Bishop for the Knight, leaving Black with an effective Bishop in play against an immobile Knight.

32 R—K B 1 32 Q—R 3
 33 R—B 3 33 R—Q 1
 34 Kt—B 2 34 Q—Kt 2
 35 Kt—Kt 4 35 Q—K 2
 36 R—B 2 36 R—Q 8 ch
 37 K—R 2 37 Q—R 6
 38 P—B 5 38 P×P

.....His last intended 38... R—Q B 8, with a view of breaking up the Queen's side position; but White would continue 39 P—B 6, R×P; 40 Q—R 6, and wins.

39 R×P 39 R—Q 2

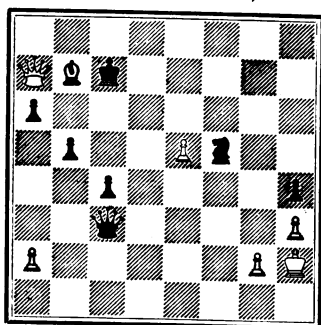
40 Kt—B 6 40 R—Q 1
 41 Kt—Q 5 ch

41 R—R 5 was simpler; the text move causes great difficulties but is nevertheless a winning line if correctly followed up.

42 B×R 41 R×Kt
 43 B×B 42 Kt—K 2
 44 Q—R 7 43 Kt×R
 44 Q×B P

Position after 44... Q×B P.

BLACK (SCHRADER)



WHITE (MLOTKOWSKI)

45 B—Q 5 ch

Mr. Mlotkowski points out that he should have played 45 B×P ch, K—B 3; 46 B—Kt 7 ch, K—B 2; 47 B—Q 5 ch, producing the position actually reached, but with one Black Pawn less. The matter goes, however, much deeper than that; the true winning plan was to capture two Pawns before winning the Black Knight; this is effected as follows: 45 B×P ch, K—B 3; 46 B—Kt 7 ch, K—Q 2; 47 B—Q 5 ch, K—K 1; 48 Q—Kt 8 ch, K—Q 2 (forced, for if... K—K 2 White mates in ten moves by 49 Q—B 7 ch, K—K 1; 50 B—B 6 ch, K—B 1; 51 Q—Q 8 ch, K—Kt 2; 52 Q—B 6 ch, K—Kt 1; 53 B—Q 5 ch, K—R 2; 54 Q×Kt ch, K—R 3; 55 Q—B 8 ch, K—Kt 3; 56 B—K 4 ch, etc.); 49 Q×P ch, K—B 2; 50 Q—B 6 ch, K—Q 1; 51 Q—Kt 6 ch, K—K 1; 52 Q—Kt 6 ch, K—Q 1; 53 Q×Kt, Q—

Kt 6 ch; 54 K—Kt 1, Q—K 8 ch; 55 Q—B 1, Q×P; 56 B×P and wins. Which is reminiscent of the late W. N. Potter's gibe at annotators who propose for play over the board continuations better suited to games by correspondence.

45 K—Q 1
46 Q—Kt 6 ch
Now 46 Q—Kt 8 ch, K—Q 2 effects nothing.

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| 47 Q—Kt 6 ch | 46 K—K 1 |
| 48 Q×Kt | 47 K—Q 1 |
| 49 K—Kt 1 | 48 Q—Kt 6 ch |
| 50 Q—B 1 | 49 Q—K 8 ch |
| 51 B—B 3 | 50 Q×P |
| 52 Q—Q 1 ch | 51 P—B 6 |

The position is now one of remarkable difficulty, as White with a piece to the good and three Pawns against four, has no obvious winning method at command. 52 Q—Q 3 ch and 53 K—B 2 was a more promising line, however.

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| 53 K—B 1 | 52 K—B 2 |
| 54 Q—B 1 | 53 Q—K B 4 |
| 55 K—K 1 | 54 P—Kt 5 |

Offering a Pawn, to get his King across to the Queen's side.

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| 56 K—Q 1 | 55 Q—K 3 ch |
| | 56 P—R 4 |

.....The Pawn should have been taken, as by working his King across to the King's side by way of the White squares Black escapes all risk of mate, or of getting a Pawn captured with a check; and White could only draw.

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| 57 Q—B 4 ch | 57 K—Kt 3 |
| 58 Q—Kt 8 ch | 58 K—B 4 |
| 59 Q—R 7 ch | 59 K—Kt 4 |
| 60 B—K 2 ch | 60 K—R 5 |
| 61 Q—R 6 | 61 Q—K 4 |

.....Mr. Mlotkowski gives the following interesting alternatives for Black: 61... Q×Q; 62 B×Q, K—R 6; 63 K—B 2, K×P; 64 B—B 4 ch, K—R 6; 65 B—Kt 3, P—R 5; 66 B—B 4, P—Kt 6 ch; 67 K×P, K—R 7; 68 K—Kt 4 and wins. Or 61... P—B 7 ch; 62 K—Q 2, Q—K 6 ch; 63 K×Q, P—B 8 (Q) ch; 64 K—B 3, Q—B 6 ch; 65 B—Q 3 and wins.

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| 62 Q—B 4 | 62 Q—Q 3 ch |
| 63 B—Q 3 | 63 Resigns |

GAME NO. 5,253.

The following curious little game was played by correspondence in Denmark this year.

Falkbeer Counter Gambit.

| WHITE | BLACK |
|------------|------------|
| P. KORNING | K. BRUUN |
| 1 P—K 4 | 1 P—K 4 |
| 2 P—K B 4 | 2 P—Q 4 |
| 3 Kt—K B 3 | 3 Q P×P |
| 4 Kt×P | 4 Kt—K B 3 |
| 5 B—B 4? | 5 B—Q B 4! |
| 6 B×P ch | 6 K—K 2? |

.....K—B 1 was correct, notes H. Krause, in the *Shakbladet*, and if 7 B—B 4, Kt—B 3; 8 P—B 3, Q—K 2; 9 Q—K 2,

P—Q R 4, stopping P—Q Kt 4 and B—R 3.

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| 7 B—Kt 3 | 7 Q—Q 4 |
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.....This loses. Kt—B 3 gave Black attacking chances.

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| 8 Q—K 2 | 8 R—B 1 |
| 9 P—Q 3 | 9 B—B 4 |
| 10 P—B 3 | 10 Q—Q 3 |
| 11 P×P | 11 Kt×P |
| 12 Kt—Q 2 | 12 Resigns |

.....The Knight is lost, or else still worse awaits Black

GAME No. 5,254.

Played in the first Junior Championship (Neville-Hart trophy) tournament of the City of London Chess Club. Notes by J. H. Blake.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

| WHITE | BLACK |
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| M. E. GOLDSTEIN | J. T. SIFTON |
| 1 P—Q 4 | 1 Kt—K B 3 |
| 2 Kt—K B 3 | 2 P—K 3 |
| 3 P—B 4 | 3 P—Q 4 |
| 4 B—K 5 | |

Premature; 4 Kt—B 3 should come first.

4 B—K 2

.....Because now Black can advantageously play 4... P—K R 3; 5 if B—R 4, P×P!; 6 P—K 3, P—Q Kt 4; 7 P—R 4, P—B 3; 8 B—K 2, B—Kt 5 ch, maintaining the Pawn (Rubinstein v. Duras, San Sebastian, 1911). If White play the Bishop at move 5 to any other square than R 4 Black has got rid at a stroke of all the disadvantages usually incident to the pinning of this Knight.

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| 5 Kt—B 3 | 5 Castles |
| 6 P—K 3 | 6 P—Q R 3 |

....Probably expecting 7 B—; Q 3, when he will play 7... P×P; 8 B×P, P—Q Kt 4 and 9... B—Kt 2, having avoided both the ordinary variation and the attack on the Queen's fianchetto defence by Q—R 4. White frustrates this intention by an advance sometimes played by Alekhine in reply to ... P—Q R 3; see game No. 4,976, *B.C.M.*, October, 1922.

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| 7 P—B 5 | 7 Kt—K 1 |
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.....7... Kt—K 5, as played by Bogoljubow in the game just quoted is much better, and facilitates attempts to break White's centre by such moves as ... P—K 4 and ... P—Q Kt 3.

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| 8 B—K B 4 | 8 Kt—Q B 3 |
| 9 P—Q R 3 | |

He must be prepared to play 10 P—Q Kt 4 in case Black should try ... P—Q Kt 3.

9 P—B 3

.....It is already too late for a centre-breaking manoeuvre by ... P—K 4 to have much chance of success. He would do better, therefore, to proceed at once to counterattack by 9... P—K Kt 4 10 B—Kt 3, P—B 4; 11 Q—Q 2, B—B 3, etc.

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| 10 P—Q Kt 4 | 10 P—K Kt 4 |
| 11 B—Kt 3 | 11 Kt—Kt 2 |
| 12 P—R 3 | 12 R—B 2 |

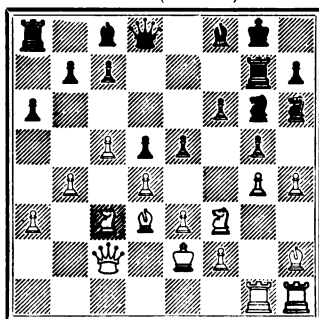
.....The Queen's Bishop has now no prospect of coming into play anywhere but on the King's side; this would be a suitable moment to attempt the transfer; 12... B—Q 2; 13 B—Q 3, B—K 1; 14 Q—B 2, K—R 1. The type of game adopted amounts to submitting to slow strangulation.

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| 13 B—Q 3 | 13 Kt—B 4 |
| 14 B—R 2 | 14 B—B 1 |
| 15 Q—B 2 | 15 Q Kt—K 2 |
| 16 P—Kt 4 | 16 Kt—R 3 |
| 17 K—K 2 | 17 R—Kt 2 |
| 18 QR—K Kt 1 | 18 Kt—Kt 3 |
| 19 P—K R 4 | 19 P—K 4 |

.....At last! but at what a cost in time and position! White's game is now so strong that he has a choice of winning lines.

Position after 19... P—K 4.

BLACK (SIFTON)



WHITE (GOLDSTEIN)

20 R P × P 20 Kt × P
Not 20... P—K 5
 because of 21 P × Kt, P × B ch;
 22 Q × P, R—K 2; 23 K—Q 2,
 K B × P; 24 B × P! and wins.

21 Kt × Q P 21 P × Kt P
 22 P × P 22 B—K 3
 23 R × Kt 23 B × Kt
 24 P—K 4 24 B—K 3
 25 R × P 25 B—K 2
 26 R—B 5 26 Kt—R 5
 27 B—Q B 4 27 Q—Q 2
 28 Kt—Q 4! 28 B × B ch

.....28... Q × Kt loses the
 Queen by 29 B × B ch, K—R 1;
 30 R—Q 1, Kt × R; 31 B × Kt.

29 Q × B ch 29 K—R 1
 30 P—K 6 30 Q—Q 1
 31 B—K 5 31 B—B 1

.....If 31... Kt × R; 32 Kt ×
 Kt, B moves; 33 P—K 7 and
 wins.

32 R—R 5

The simplest way of winning
 was also the best. 32 R × B ch,
 Q × R; 33 R × Kt, K—Kt 1;
 34 Kt—B 5 (34 R—B 4 is also
 conclusive), R—Kt 3; 35 R—
 Kt 4, and Black has no resource.

32 P—Kt 4

33 P × P *e.p.*

And now 33 Q—Kt 3, B—K 2;
 34 Kt—B 6, or 33 Q—B 1, B—
 K 2; 34 Q—R 6 would either of
 them be more immediately con-
 clusive.

33 B—Q 3

34 B × R ch

Or 34 Kt—B 6!

34 K × B
 35 Kt—B 5 ch 35 Kt × Kt
 36 R × P ch 36 K—B 3
 37 R—B 7 ch 37 K—Kt 4
 38 P × Kt 38 Resigns

Mate in three is forced.

GAME No. 5,255.—Played in the annual tournament of the
 Iowa State Chess Association. *Saragossa Opening*. White:
 —. NEUGEBAUER. Black: W. S. GILMAN. | | | | | | | |

1 P—Q B 3, P—Q 4; 2 P—Q 4, B—B 4; 3 B—B 4, P—K 3;
 4 P—K 3, B—Q 3; 5 B—Kt 3, K Kt—B 3; 6 Kt—Q 2, Q Kt—Q 2;
 7 P—Q R 3, B × B; 8 R P × B, P—K 4; 9 B—Kt 5, P—B 3; 10 B—
 K 2, P—K 5; 11 P—Q B 4, Q—Kt 3; 12 P—Q Kt 4, Castles K R;
 13 P—Kt 4, B—Kt 3; 14 P—B 5, Q—Q 1; 15 Kt—R 3, Kt—K 1;
 16 Kt—B 4, Q—B 3; 17 Kt—B 1, Kt—B 2; 18 Kt—Kt 3, Kt—K 3;
 19 Kt × B?, B P × Kt; 20 R—K B 1, Q—Kt 4; 21 R—R 2, R—B 2;
 22 Q—R 1?, Q R—K B 1; 23 Kt—R 1, Kt—B 3; 24 Q—Q 1,
 P—K R 4; 25 P—Q Kt 5, Kt × Kt P; 26 B × Kt, P × B; 27 P × P,
 P × P; 28 Q—R 4, P—Kt 6; 29 Q × P, P × P ch; 30 Q R × P,
 Q × K P ch; 31 K—Q 1, Kt × Q P; 32 Q × Q P, Q—Q 6 ch;
 33 Resigns.

GAME No. 5,256.—Played in the match for the Swedish champion-
 ship (see page 203). *Irregular Opening*. White: A. NILSSON.
 Black: G. NYHOLM.

1 P—Q 4, Kt—K B 3; 2 Kt—K B 3, P—K Kt 3; 3 P—B 4,
 B—Kt 2; 4 Kt—B 3, P—Q 4; 5 P × P, Kt × P; 6 P—K 4, Kt × Kt;
 7 P × Kt, P—B 4; 8 B—K 2, Kt—B 3; 9 B—K 3, Q—R 4;
 10 Castles, Castles; 11 Q—Kt 3, P × P; 12 P × P, B—Kt 5; 13 Q R—
 Q 1, Q—Kt 5; 14 Q × Q, Kt × Q; 15 R—Kt 1, Kt × P; 16 R × P,
 P—K 3; 17 R—R 1, Kt—B 6; 18 B—Q 3, P—B 4; 19 P—K 5,

P—B 5; 20 B—Q 2, B×Kt; 21 P×B, Kt—Q 4; 22 R—R 6, R—B 2; 23 R×R, K×R; 24 B—K 4, B—R 3; 25 B—R 5, B—Kt 4; 26 R—Q 6, B—K 2; 27 R×Kt, Resigns.

GAME No. 5,257.—Played in the final pool of the boys' championship tournament at Hastings. *Scotch Opening*. White: L. F. PAPÉ. Black: L. N. STUART.

1 P—K 4, P—K 4; 2 Kt—K B 3, Kt—Q B 3; 3 P—Q 4, P×P; 4 Kt×P, B—B 4; 5 B—K 3, Q—B 3; 6 Kt—Kt 5, B×B; 7 P×B, Q—R 5 ch; 8 P—K Kt 3, Q×K P; 9 Kt×P ch, K—Q 1; 10 Kt×R, Q×R; 11 Q—Kt 4?, K Kt—K 2; 12 Q×Kt P, R—K Kt 1; 13 Q—R 6, Kt—K 4; 14 Kt—B 3, Kt—B 6 ch; 15 K—K 2, Kt×P; 16 Q—B 4, Kt×B; 17 R×Kt, Q—R 4 ch; 18 R—B 3, P—Kt 3; 19 Q—B 7 ch, K—K 1; 20 Kt—K 4, R—Kt 3; 21 Q—Q B 4, P—Q 4; 22 Q—Kt 5 ch, B—Q 2; 23 Q—Kt 3, P×Kt; 24 Resigns.

GAME No. 5,258.—Played in the last round of the same tournament. *Ruy Lopez*. White: W. H. PRATTEN. Black: L. N. STUART.

1 P—K 4, P—K 4; 2 Kt—K B 3, Kt—Q B 3; 3 B—Kt 5, P—Q R 3; 4 B—R 4, Kt—B 3; 5 Castles, B—K 2; 6 R—K 1, P—Q Kt 4; 7 B—Kt 3, P—Q 3; 8 P—B 3, Kt—R 4; 9 B—B 2, P—B 4; 10 P—Q R 4, B—Kt 5; 11 P—Q 4, B P×P; 12 B P×P, Kt—B 3; 13 B—K 3, B×Kt; 14 P×B, Castles; 15 K—R 1, Kt—K R 4; 16 Kt—B 3, B—B 3; 17 R P×P, K P×P; 18 P×Kt, P×Kt; 19 P—Kt 4, B—K 4; 20 B—Q 4, Q—R 5; 21 B×B, P×B; 22 Q—K 2, Kt—B 5; 23 Q—K 3, Q R—Q 1 (23... K R—B 1, 24 B—R 4, Q R—Kt 1 was stronger); 24 Q R—Q 1, Q—R 6; 25 R—K Kt 1, R×R; 26 B×R, P—B 7; 27 B×P, R—B 1; 28 B—R 4, R—Q 1; 29 P—B 7, R—Q 3?; 30 Q—B 3, Q×P ch; 31 K×Q, R—R 3 ch; 32 K—Kt 3, R—Kt 3 ch; 33 K—R 4, Resigns.

GAME No. 5,259.—Played in the eighteenth round of the New York International tournament. *Ruy Lopez*. White: G. MARÓCZY. Black: J. R. CAPABLANCA.

1 P—K 4, P—K 4; 2 Kt—K B 3, Kt—Q B 3; 3 B—Kt 5, P—Q R 3; 4 B—R 4, Kt—B 3; 5 Castles, B—K 2; 6 R—K 1, P—Q Kt 4; 7 B—Kt 3, Castles; 8 P—B 3, P—Q 3; 9 P—K R 3, Kt—Q R 4; 10 B—B 2, P—B 4; 11 P—Q 3, Kt—B 3; 12 Q Kt—Q 2, P—Q 4; 13 Kt—B 1, P×P; 14 P×P, B—K 3; 15 B—Q 2, R—R 2; 16 Kt—Kt 5, B—B 5; 17 Kt—K 3, B—Q 6; 18 B×B, Q×B; 19 Kt—B 5, P—R 3; 20 R—K 3, Q—Q 1; 21 Kt—B 3, R—Q 2; 22 Q—B 2, P—B 5; 23 Kt×B ch, Q×Kt; 24 P—Q R 4, K R—Q 1; 25 P×P, P×P; 26 K R—K 1, Q—K 3; 27 B—K 3, R—Q 6; 28 Kt—Q 2, Kt—K 2; 29 P—B 3, Kt—R 4; 30 Kt—B 1, P—B 4; 31 B—B 2, Q—K Kt 3; 32 K—R 2, Q—Kt 4; 33 B—K 3, Kt—B 5;

34 Kt—Kt 3, R×B; 35 R×R, Kt×Kt P; 36 R—K 2, Kt—B 5;
 37 R—Q 2, R—K B 1; 38 Kt—R 1, Q—R 4; 39 Kt—B 2, Q Kt—
 Kt 3; 40 Q—Q 1, Kt—R 5; 41 R—Q 8, Kt×P ch; 42 K—R 1,
 Kt—Q 6; 43 R×Kt, P×R; 44 Q×P, P—B 5; 45 Q—Q 1, R—B 3;
 46 R—R 8 ch, K—R 2; 47 Q—Q 8, Kt—Kt 4; 48 Q—Kt 8 ch,
 K—Kt 3; 49 Q—K 8 ch, Kt—B 2; 50 Q—Q B 8, Q—B 6 ch;
 51 K—Kt 1, Q—Kt 6 ch; 52 K—B 1, P—B 6; 53 Q—Kt 4 ch,
 Q×Q; 54 P×Q, K—Kt 4; 55 R—R 5, Kt—Q 3; 56 Kt—Q 3,
 K×P; 57 Kt×P ch, K—Kt 6; 58 Resigns.

GAME No. 5,260.—Played in the twentieth round of the same tournament. *Queen's Gambit Declined*. White: F. J. MARSHALL. Black: A. ALEKHINE.

1 P—Q 4, Kt—K B 3; 2 Kt—K B 3, P—K 3; 3 P—B 4, P—Q 4;
 4 Kt—B 3, P—B 3; 5 P×P, K P×P; 6 B—Kt 5, B—K 2; 7 P—K 3,
 B—K B 4; 8 B—Q 3, B×B; 9 Q×B, Q Kt—Q 2; 10 Castles K R,
 Castles; 11 Q—B 5, Kt—K 5; 12 B×B, Q×B; 13 Kt×Kt, P×
 Kt; 14 Kt—Q 2, Kt—B 3; 15 Q R—B 1, K R—K 1; 16 R—B 5,
 Kt—Q 4; 17 K R—B 1, Q R—Q 1; 18 P—Q Kt 4, P—Q R 3;
 19 P—Q R 3, R—Q 3; 20 P—K Kt 3, P—K R 3; 21 Kt—Kt 1,
 P—K Kt 3; 22 Q—R 3, Q—Kt 4; 23 Kt—B 3, P—Kt 3; 24 Kt×Kt,
 P×R; 25 Kt—B 7, P×Q P; 26 Kt×R, P×P; 27 Kt×R, P×P ch;
 28 K×P, Q—Q 7 ch; 29 K—Kt 1, Q—K 6 ch; 30 K—Kt 2, Q—
 Q 7 ch; 31 K—Kt 1, Q—K 6 ch. Drawn by perpetual check.

PROBLEM WORLD.

BY B. G. LAWS AND G. W. CHANDLER.

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It would be a convenience if correspondents when writing on problem or solution subjects would address their letters direct as indicated above. Several communications have during the past few months been sent to Wedderburn Road. This at least means delay and involves unnecessary re-direction.

We consider it due to Dr. E. Palkoska, of Prague, that as soon as he saw our remarks in connection with K. Traxler's three mover in May he wrote us disclaiming the credit we inadvertently gave him. We put matters right at page 263 last month. Dr. Palkoska writes cordially and thanks us for the appreciatory references we made of his work.

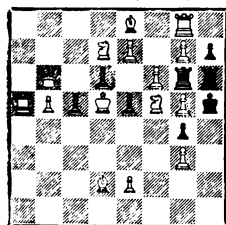
Fern vom Alltag.—We have received this little publication which contains 100 positions of "Fairy" Chess which the compiler and editor, Leo Lowy, terms a chess panorama. It is issued by Bernhard Kagan, Behren Straate 24, Berlin, W.8, at the price of two marks. There are some remarkable and amusing illustrations of unorthodox chess, a number of which have already earned popularity. Some of the problems are "quite in order" and are distinguished by what may appear to the player the last word in eccentric play. We notice No. 87 (puzzle) is credited to C. Planck; the offence is not his, but B. G. Laws pleads guilty.

The following are interesting specimens taken from the book.

Help mate. Place the men as when starting a game. White to mate with his Queen's Rook in five moves, Black rendering every assistance. The author of this proposition appears not to be known.

By W. WOLFF.

BLACK (8 pieces)

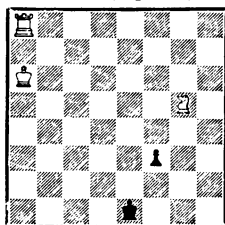


WHITE (15 pieces)

Mate in three with Rook at Q R 5.

By LEO LOWY.

BLACK (2 pieces)

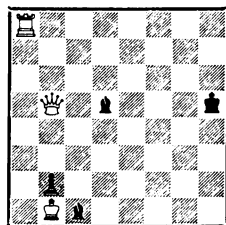


WHITE (3 pieces)

With Black's help, mate in three.

By T. R. DAWSON.

BLACK (4 pieces)



WHITE (3 pieces)

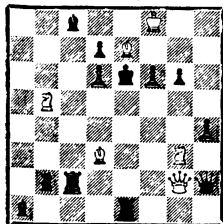
Reflex mate in three.

Prague Press Tourney, 1923.

First Prize.

By O. VOTRUBA.

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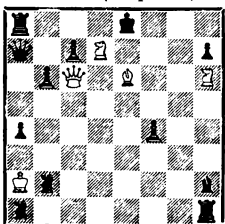
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Second Prize.

By M. HAVEL.

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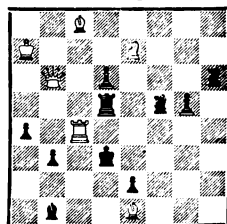
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Mate in three.

Third Prize

By C. KAINER.

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Mate in three

Fourth prize, M. Havel; hon. mentions: M. Havel and J. Genttner.

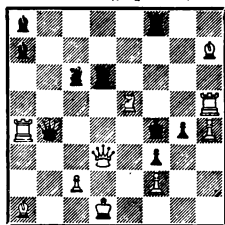
BERNE CHESS CIRCLE TWO-MOVE TOURNEY.

First Prize.

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By F. MATZINGER

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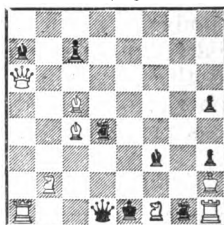
WHITE (10 pieces)

Mate in two.

Second Prize.

By Dr. W. STOOS.

BLACK (9 pieces)



WHITE (8 pieces)

Mate in two.

Hon. mentions : J. Freivogel and K. Flatt. The two-mover of the former has one point of originality in that it has two White Bishops travelling on Black squares and two Black Bishops on White squares. As a curiosity it may be all very well, but to enter such an extravaganza in all seriousness is a greater puzzle than the problem itself.

OBITUARY.

THE LATE GEORGE E. CARPENTER.

Last month we could no more than mention that G. E. Carpenter, the veteran American composer, had passed away. He was born at Ashford, New York, on March 25th, 1844, and thus was in his 81st year. He was taken to Tarrytown when two years of age and lived there until the last. He learnt chess at the age of thirteen, his first problem being composed in 1859, since which date he took a lively interest in composition and became an outstanding authority on the subject, not only in his own country but in the whole of problemdom. As a critic he was inclined to be severe and slow in bestowing praise. As a composer he stood in the front rank of American problemists, but his work was not distinguished by that dash and sharpness so dear to the tastes of his native contemporaries. He devoted a deal of attention to the manipulation of few White pieces, following the notion of economy of force which was thought correct fifty to sixty years ago. In this way, and in more complex efforts, he appeared to agree with the ideas which were pressed by the English school in its transition period. In those days he was in close touch with the leading experts of this country and shared their strong views concerning duals, especially in two-movers. Of later years, however, he relaxed his early convictions. In the seventies he took part in discussions on problem matters in the English magazines, particularly the *Westminster Papers*. He contributed pretty freely to English papers

and a good number of his compositions were prize-winners in tourneys.

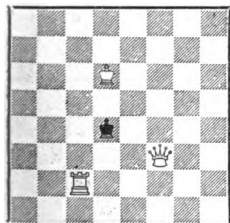
Being regarded as a connoisseur and composer of experience we find him through a long association with problems acting in the capacity of judge, whose decisions were accepted as sound. On one or two occasions, however, his awards have been openly challenged, but this is likely to happen to the most accomplished, especially in the case when a disappointed competitor believes his work has not been fully or justly estimated. In 1886 the late Professor O. A. Brownson, who issued the *American Chess Journal*, published a collection of 200 problems by the deceased.

Mr. Carpenter was rather inclined to be a recluse, as very few devotees of chess have been known to interview him, and we do not remember that beyond conducting the problem department of *Brentano's Chess Magazine* for two months, he ever accepted the office of chess editor. By profession he was a land surveyor and civil engineer, having abandoned in his early years that of school master. Like the late J. A. Miles, of Norwich, and Dr. C. Planck, he was greatly attached to the science of mathematics and probably it is due to this study that he acquired exact conceptions of the art of chess problem construction.

The following six problems are selected as being on the light side of composition which as we have already mentioned, was characteristic of his style.

BY THE LATE G. E. CARPENTER.

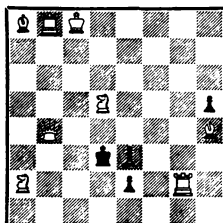
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WHITE (3 pieces)

Mate in two.

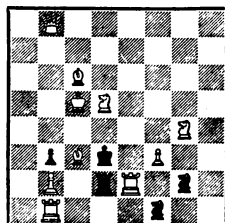
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WHITE (8 pieces)

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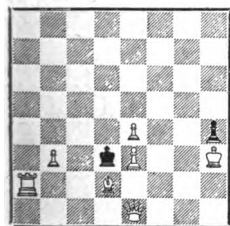
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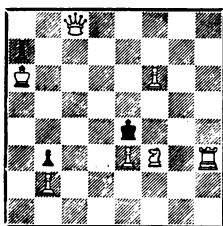
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WHITE (7 pieces)

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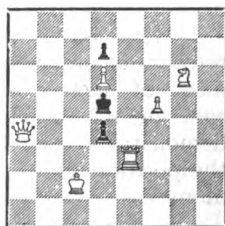
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WHITE (7 pieces)

Mate in three.

BLACK (3 pieces)



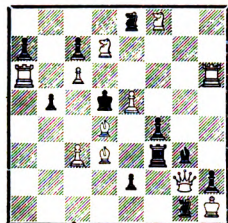
WHITE (6 pieces)

Mate in three.

Brixton Chess Club.—The first special event of this club took place on 8th May, when Mr. A. C. Challenger was billed to give a lecture on "Problems and how to solve them," based on the book published last year by B. G. Laws. This was followed by a solving competition in which seventeen members took part. This shows the idea was a good one as it brought the value of chess problems to players who otherwise might be quite indifferent to their attractions. The prizes were secured by H. G. Felce, G. A. Felce and —. Butcher in order named. The following is the set of positions submitted.

By H. D'O. BERNARD.

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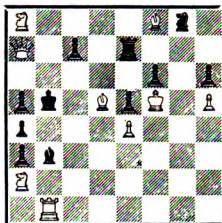


WHITE (11 pieces)

Mate in two.

By BRIAN HARLEY

BLACK (11 pieces)

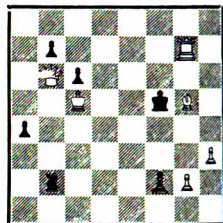


WHITE (9 pieces)

Mate in two.

By F. F. ALEXANDER.

BLACK (6 pieces)

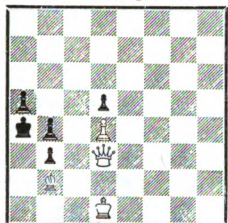


WHITE (6 pieces)

Mate in three.

By T. R. DAWSON

BLACK (5 pieces)

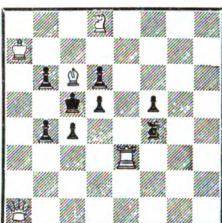


WHITE (4 pieces)

Mate in three.

By P.G.L.F.

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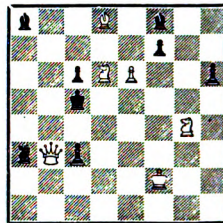


WHITE (5 pieces)

Mate in three.

By B. G. LAWS.

BLACK (8 pieces)

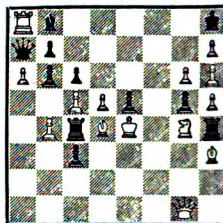


WHITE (6 pieces)

Mate in three.

By HANS JAUSSEI
(Zurich).

BLACK (11 pieces)



WHITE (14 pieces)

Mate in two.

Here is another fancy problem of the retrograde order specially contributed. As in most of such positions the solution itself is easy enough to discover, but the real crux is to demonstrate that the play necessary to reach the position of the diagram is a legal sequence of moves.

SOLVERS' SCORE—"LADDER" COMPETITION.

Problems (May) 2,467 to 2,470 inclusive.

J. Allcock (700) ; Dr. R. Tennant Bruce (280 + 40 April = 320) 5-5-10-0 (340) ; **A. T. Cannell (690) 5-5-10-10 (720) ; J. Chadwick (Sydney) (100) ; R. W. Clark (Canada) (625) 5-5-10-10 (655) ; *W. H. Cutland (40) ; **F. J. Dennis (390) 5-5-0-0 (400) ; J. C. Derlain (330) 5-5-0-0 (340) ; Rev. A. T. Dean (225) 5-5-10-10 (255) ; *B. V. Darbishire (720) 5-5-10-0 (740) ; G. Fegent (630 + 20 April = 650) 5-5-0-0 (660) ; *C. Folley (75) ; *C. Frost (60) ; *Albert Haddy (695) 5-5-10-10 (725) ; **W. H. Herbert (320) 5-5-10-10 (350) ; J. A. Hatherhill (125) 5-5-10-10 (155) ; **Rev. F. O'D. Hoare (110) 5-5-0-10 (130) ; †G. Stillingfleet Johnson (205) 5-5-10-10 (235) ; Capt. J. V. Jacklin (140) ; N. V. Joshi (Pusa, India) (110 + 40 April = 150) 5-5-10-0 (170) ; Rev. Basil Jones 5-5-10-0 (20) ; *A. Lockley (80) ; **Frederick Lee (415) 5-5-10-10 (445) ; *J. A. Lewis (710) 5-5-10-10 (740) ; *Hubert Lees (Auckland) (85 + 30 March = 115) ; T. W. R. Leistikow (170) ; **Rev. N. Munro (110) 5-5-10-10 (140) ; *R. J. Minns (530) 5-5-10-10 (560) ; D. Murray (130) 5-5-10-0 (150) ; Rev. A. N. Morgan (35) ; Johannes Neilson (620) 5-5-10-10 (650) ; M. E. Onslow (390) ; **A. Peacock (295) 5-0-10-10 (320) ; T. Rosenfeld (265) ; *R. G. Thomson (330) 5-5-10-10 (360) ; *B. Tott (0) ; O. L. Telling (Monte Carlo) (680) 5-5-10-10 (710) ; "Tiro" (Ribe, Denmark) (55) 5-5-10-10 (85) ; Rev. E. Wells (680) 5-0-10-10 (705) ; Major W. T. Whetham (395) ; M. E. L. Wills (Gibraltar) (40).

We have solutions from a solver written in pencil of problems 2,451 to 2,466 without signature. Going back to January last we take it they come from abroad, but we cannot verify this as the envelope was destroyed before we noticed the absence of name and address. Perhaps our correspondent will let us know.

The highest totals appearing above for the May scores are made by B. V. Darbishire and J. A. Lewis, who both reach 740.

SOLUTIONS.

No. 2,467, by J. Bunting.—1 Q—K 4. The half-pin theme cleverly combined with the double release of a pinned White Knight. Construction is good, and the thematic key excellent.

No. 2,468, by M. Sim.—1 Kt—B 1. The adjacent flight squares are difficult to handle, and the variety must therefore be considered quite satisfactory. The key is good, permitting 1... K×P followed by a very nice mate, but perhaps the best variation is 1... B—Q 5. There are several minor duals.

No. 2,469, by Dr. F. Rduch.—1 Q—B 1, threatening 2 Kt—B 3. If 1... K—B 4 ; 2 Kt (B 3)—Kt 5 ch. If 1... Kt or P×P ; 2 Kt—B 5 ch. If 1... Kt other, 2 Q—B 4 ch. If 1... K—Q 4, 2 Kt—B 3 ch. A charming three-er, with an excellent key, one quiet threat and beautiful mates. The long shot with the Queen after 1... K—B 4 is especially pleasing. The construction shows an expert hand.

No. 2,470, by B. G. Laws.—1 Q—Q 6, threatening 2 Kt—B 7 ch. If 1... K—B 5 ; 2 Q—Q 5 ch. If 1... R—R 1 or 2 ; 2 Q×Q P ch. If 1... Kt—Q 4 ; 2 Q×B P ch. If 1... K×Kt ; 2 Q—Kt 8. If 1... Kt×P, etc. ; 2 Q—B 5 ch. If 1... P—B 4 ; 2 B—K 8 ch. A combination of Queen sacrifices, three of which end in models, and a fourth nearly so. The variation 1... R—R 2 is pretty and unexpected. The key gives a flight square, and the problem is considered to be well constructed. Nearly all our solvers expressed their pleasure in solving

this three-mover which indicates sacrificial devices are still appreciated notwithstanding the modern Bohemian school tends to avoid them. Seven of the "Ladder" competitors gave either 1 Q—Q 7 or K 7 which are foiled by 1... B—R 6 or R—R 1.

By G. F. Anderson (p. 259).—1 R—Kt 5. Heavy in appearance, but this is atoned for by the excellent key which opens up cross checks from the Bishop. The discovered mates and the various placings of the Knights are very ingenious.

By G. F. Anderson (p. 259).—1 B—B 2, Kt—Kt 4; 2 B×P. If 1... P×B; 2 Kt—B 7 ch. If 1... Kt×P; 2 Q—B 6 ch. If 1... Kt other; 2 B—Q 4. If 1... R—Kt 4; 2 B—B 5 ch. Notwithstanding the key threatens sudden death, it is quite good followed as it is by a surprise move after 1... Kt—Kt 4. There are three models, including one contributed to by Black, 1... Kt—K 1; 2 B—Q 4, B—B 5; 3 B—K 5!

By G. F. Anderson (p. 259).—1 B—Kt 6, B—K 7; 2 K—Q 7. If 1... Q—Kt 7, R—K 3, etc.; 2 Kt—Q 6 dbl ch. If 1... K×P; 2 B—Kt 7 ch. If 1... Q×P ch, R—K 2 ch (threat); 2 K—B 6. We do not think we can do better than quote from Mr. Brian Harley, chess editor of *The Observer*: "I really must write to express my fervent admiration. It is quite the best example I have seen of the New Three-mover School, which combines the model mate theme with the best two-move strategy. Anderson has got the full half-pin theme (1... Q—Kt 7 and B—K 7) combined with pin models and Black interference! not to mention the numerous cross-checks. When one sees in addition that the key is thematic, one must admit that this problem is a masterpiece."

By G. F. Anderson (p. 259).—1 Q—Kt 5, Kt×P; 2 B—K 6 ch. If 1... Kt—R 4; 2 Q—K 3. If 1... Kt—Kt 5; 2 Q—B 4. If 1... R×P; 2 B×R dis ch. If 1... R—K 3; 2 Q—Q 2 ch. If 1... K×Kt; 2 Q—B 1 ch. If 1... R×Kt; 2 B—Kt 4 dis ch. If 1... Kt×R; 2 Kt—K 7 ch. If 1... P—K 6; 2 Q×Kt P ch. If 1... others; 2 Kt—Kt 4 ch. A three-mover with remarkable variety, there being no fewer than ten second moves of White. There are three picturesque model mates following the defences of 1 Kt×P, Kt—R 4 and R×P. The key-move is not very special, but prefaces some excellent work nicely.

By G. F. Anderson (p. 259).—1 B—B 7, Kt—Kt 4; 2 Q—Kt 4 ch, K×Q; 3 R×B dbl ch. If 1... Kt—B 5; 2 Q×P ch, K×Q; 3 R×P ch. If 1... Kt—Kt 8; 2 Q—Q 5, etc. If 1... others; 2 Q×Kt ch, B×Q; 3 R—R 2 dis ch. A brilliant exhibition of Queen sacrifices but not profound. The model mates given by the Queen's Bishop and Rook are splendid finishing touches. The Black Rook in addition to determining the key-move stops a cook by 1 Q—Q 5.

By G. F. Anderson (p. 259).—1 Kt—Kt 2, P×Kt ch or P—R 4; 2 K—Q 1, any; 3 Kt—B 2 dis ch. If 1... P—R 3; 2 Kt—Q 1, P—R 4; 3 Kt—Kt 4 dis ch. The two lines of play here are ingeniously blended, the third moves of the White Knight freeing respectively the Pawn and Knight are as unexpected as pleasant. The King is mated on two squares.

By Dr. E. Palkoska (p. 259).—1 P—Kt 4, Q—B 5; 2 Kt—B 6 ch. If 1... Q—Q 6; 2 Q Kt×P ch. If 1... Q—K Kt 7 or 8; 2 P—Q 3. If 1... K Kt moves; 2 B—Q 6 ch. If 1... others; 2 P×R. With the polished technique one expects from this author one could have hoped for a key less obvious—indeed almost forced. Though a fine composition, the play is scarcely so attractive as in the similar theme by Kainer given on p. 123 (March, 1924). The White Queen has little more than a watching brief; but her sable rival amply atones for this. The square selected for the White King does more than place him out of harm's way by preventing a dual continuation after 1... Kt—K 1. But it seems a nice point whether a6 should not have been dispensed with (if I am right in assuming its only function is to obviate a dual continuation if 1... Kt—R 3), since the dual remains if 1... Kt—R 1. It would have permitted 1... Q—R 3; 2 P×R, Q×Q; 3 Kt×P mate improving the power-economy, as the same play plus mate (minus the Queen capture) after ... Q—Kt 5 would not be counted.

By Cumpe and Traxler (p. 259).—1 R—R 6, R—R 7; 2 R—Kt 6. If 1... R—B 8; 2 R×P ch. If 1... B—Q 6 or Kt—Q 4; 2 Q×K P. If 1... Kt—K 5; 2 Q×Kt. If 1... others; 2 R—B 6. Not a difficult problem to solve as White's scope of activity is limited. One sees very soon the mate with Queen at K R 2,

but wonders how it can be brought about. R—B 8 does this as it threatens 2... R—Q Kt 8 ch and therefore annuls the menaced 2 R—B 6.

By K. Traxler (p. 259).—1 B—K 5, P×B or P—Kt 6; 2 Kt—B 4 dis ch. If 1... P—K 3; 2 Kt×P dis ch. If 1... Q Kt moves; 2 Kt—B 5 dis ch. If 1... K Kt moves; 2 Kt—B 2 dis ch. If 1... P—Q 4; 2 Q×Q P. If 1... others; 2 B—R 8. A nice problem of its kind with a pretty threat. The Queen's Bishop is given up in three out of the five continuations. The key is an easy one and the White Pawn at Q R 2 is a bit of a mystery.

By Dr. Brandis (p. 260).—1 B—Kt 6, Kt—B 4; 2 Kt—R 3. If 1... Kt other; 2 K—Kt 3. If 1... K—B 5; 2 Q—K 3 ch. The defence 1... K—B 5 rather leads the solver to the key but 1... Kt—B 4 presents some difficulty. There is only one model mate to brighten the play.

By A. Schiller (p. 260).—1 B—Kt 7, P—B 4; 2 K—Kt 2. If 1... K—K 4; 2 Q—K 3 ch. If 1... K Kt moves; 2 Q—Q 6 ch. If 1... K Kt moves; 2 B×R ch. A nice key followed by a two-move block problem; the principal mate is neat and clean, but it is not a "model."

By P. ten Cate (p. 260).—1 Q—K 7. The interest is centred on the half-pin arrangement which has some pretty effects. The key is a little strong as most ambush keys in two-movers are, but its weakness is made up by giving Black the cross checks.

By R. Prytz (p. 260).—1 Kt—B 1. Mr. C. H. Brockelbank points out that this two-mover suffers from lack of originality. See annexed diagram.

By A. Mosely (p. 260).—1 K—B 6. One is reluctant to close up the long diagonal as 2 Q—R 8 looks probable after P×B. The point of the problem is the variety obtained by the moving of the Queen's Bishop—seven different mates result.

By C. Winter (p. 260).—1 Q—R 5. It is quite a relief to meet such a gracefully-constructed two-mover. It is a Mutate with added variation, not too easy to solve.

By E. C. Westbury (p. 260).—1 Q—B 5. Quite a contrast to the last. The Pawn promotion trick is interesting, but has had many workings. The congestion of Black's forces is not artistic. There are only four mating moves.

By W. J. Smith (p. 260).—1 R—K 4. A strategical mutate key, but the eleven Pawns are inartistic. The Queen's Rook has the appearance of being fringy, but the King's Pawn has to be protected and 1 B—K 5 made ineffectual.

By J. J. Rietveld (p. 261).—1 Q—K 4. At first sight a rather powerful key, but allowing the cross check is apt to make a solver hesitate. The effects produced by the half-pin are clever.

By P. ten Cate (p. 261).—1 Q—K 7. An easy key redeemed in a measure by the interesting unpinning of the King's Knight and shutting off the Black Queen. There are, however, only four mating moves.

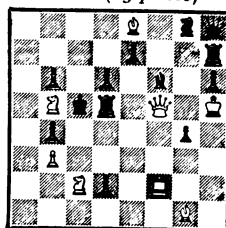
By J. J. Rietveld (p. 261).—1 K—R 7, Kt—K 5; 2 Q—B 4, etc. If 1... R—K 5; 2 Q×Kt. If 1... B—K 5 ch; 2 Q×B ch. If 1... P—K 5; 2 Q—Q 5. If 1... others; 2 Q—Kt 6. A nice retreating and clearance key followed by good play focussed on White's K 4 where four of Black's men are induced to defend the quiet threat. The mate at K B 8 is a surprise.

By Niemeijer and Weenink (p. 261).—Black King's Bishop should stand at K B 1. 1 Q—R 7, B—Q 6; 2 Q×R P. If 1... B—K 5; 2 Kt—B 6. If 1... R—K 4; 2 B×R. If 1... B—K 2; 2 Q×B ch. If 1... B—Kt 3 or others; 2 Q—K B 7. A nice strategical three-mover. It is a pity the reply to 1... R—K 4 is so emphatic and that there is no model mate.

We hold over the solutions of the three positions by F. E. Purchas and G. A. Heginbottom given on page 262 until next month. "Tom Tiddler's Ground" and "The Roll Call" have excited considerable interest, but the end-game, which has some clever play, has not attracted our solvers.

By G. F. ANDERSON
"Adventures of my Chess
Board" from "Good
Companion" 1919.

BLACK (13 pieces)



WHITE (8 pieces)

Mate in two

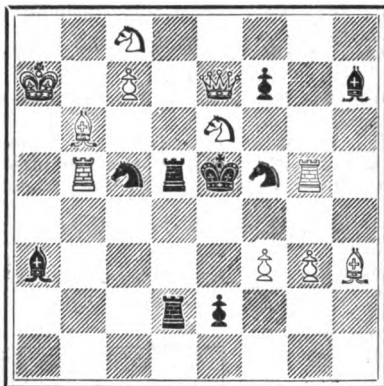
ORIGINAL PROBLEMS.

No. 2,475.

By C. H. D. CLARK

(Leeds).

BLACK (9 pieces)



WHITE (11 pieces)

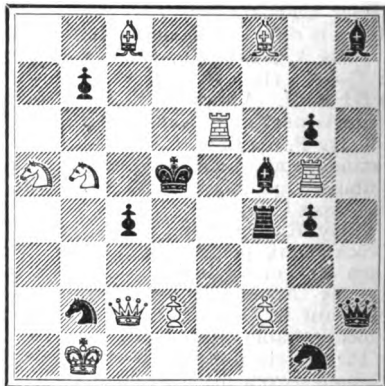
White mates in two moves.

No. 2,476.

By R. W. CLARK

(Speers, Saskatchewan).

BLACK (11 pieces)



WHITE (10 pieces)

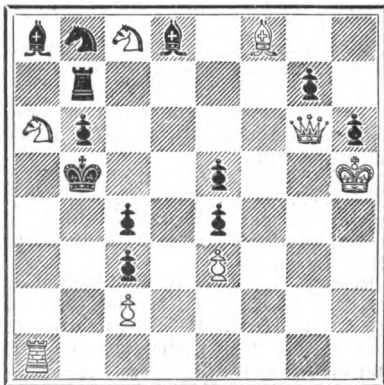
White mates in two moves.

No. 2,477.

By L. SIMHOVICI

(Roumania).

BLACK (12 pieces)



WHITE (8 pieces)

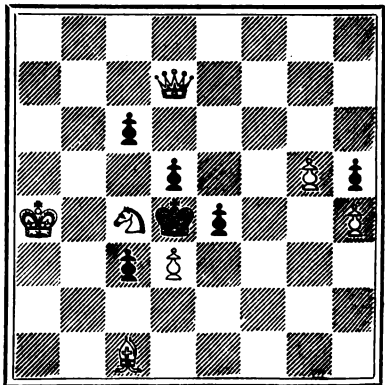
White mates in three moves.

No. 2,478.

By J. CAUVEREN

(Doetinchem, Holland).

BLACK (6 pieces)



WHITE (7 pieces)

White mates in three moves.

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BRITISH CHESS FEDERATION.

The Executive Committee met on Saturday, 19th July, at Anderton's Hotel, London, Canon A. G. Gordon Ross being in the chair. It was decided that the allowance of £40 towards the expenses of the English County Championship matches should apply to the 1923 competition. The arrangements for the Southport Congress were completed and the players were selected and classified, the competitors in the three principal Tournaments being as under :—

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| 4 W. Gibson (Glasgow). | 10 E. Spencer (Liverpool). |
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| 6 R. P. Michell (Kingston). | 12 F. D. Yates (Leeds). |

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| 5 Miss Gilchrist (Glasgow). | 11 Mrs. Sollas (Oxford). |
| 6 Mrs. Holloway (London). | 12 Mrs. Stevenson (London). |

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| 1 J. A. J. Drewitt (Hastings). | 7 Herr. A. Rubinstein (Poland). |
| 2 Cyril Duffield (Bristol). | 8 Frank Schofield (Leeds). |
| 3 C. B. Heath (Dundee). | 9 P. W. Sergeant (London). |
| 4 G. W. Moses (Pontefract). | 10 A. R. B. Thomas (Liverpool). |
| 5 O. C. Muller (London). | 11 W. H. Watts (London). |
| 6 H. G. Rhodes (Southport). | 12 G. Wright (York). |

Donations are earnestly requested towards the Congress Fund and may be sent to Mr. H. E. Dobell, 21 Robertson Street, Hastings, the Unit area from which they arise being credited with the amount received as part payment of their agreed contribution. Six new Life Members were elected.

REVIEW.

Mitteldeutsche Schachturniere, 1923, edited by Dr. F. Palitzsch. Walter de Gruyter & Co., Berlin. Price 4'50 gold marks.

This little book of some 160 pages contains a selection of the more interesting games played in the various chess congresses in Mid-Germany during 1923, together with a full account of the Problem Tournament of the Dresden Chess Association. In all 81 games are given, many of which give evidence of the wide disparity in playing strength between the stronger and weaker players.

CORRESPONDENCE.

RENOVATING CHESS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE *B.C.M.*

DEAR SIR.—May I be allowed a few remarks on the question of “renovating chess” recently agitated in your columns, with special reference to the letter of Mr. Jones in the June number?

That a change or two is advisable with a view to rendering draws less frequent might possibly be argued, but the idea of a “re-shuffling of the pieces,” to which I believe even Capablanca is said to have lent a favourable ear, seems to the writer nothing short of delirium. It would be hardly more absurd to pray that the Creator would bring a little novelty into our mathematical examinations by an occasional “re-shuffling” of the order of numbers or of the properties of triangles and circles. Whole libraries, the product of many decades of patient industry and research, would immediately become waste paper, and the classics of chess would lose all significance. Morphy’s games would shortly have no more interest than the theories of the alchemists and astrologers, and in brief the rich heritage of the past would be entirely sacrificed.

But upon what grounds is it asserted that chess is becoming “played out”? Mr. Jones cites the results of the recent New York tournament, but if such splendid and decisive victories as those of Lasker over Alekhine and Capablanca over Lasker (not to mention the thrilling games which secured the several brilliancy prizes and the occasional flashes of Marshall as still his former self) are still possible between parties both of whom have practically devoted their lives to chess, how much less is the game likely to show signs of being played out among amateurs of ordinary strength and skill!

Draws are still incomparably less frequent than is the case in draughts, while some of the most sparkling, and certainly much of the soundest, play may be found in games which are finally drawn. It is hard to see why a drawn game should necessarily be less instructive or enjoyable than if someone had won, while the fear that frequency of draws will spoil either match or tournament play seems to be quite unwarranted in view of the comparatively small percentage of matches which *are* drawn, and of the fact that in the New York tournament there were not only no ties but considerable gaps between the scores.

Again, though it might be supposed that the opening was the most “played out” portion of the game, yet we are at the present time witnessing the rise of a new school whose theories affect the opening hardly less than the middle game. In fact, after all the exhaustive performances of the German analysts and players, what clearer proof of vitality of chess could be needed than is offered by the perusal of Reti’s *Modern Ideas*? The Ruy Lopez is perhaps somewhat over-studied, but there are signs that its reign is coming to a close, while the attachment of Lasker to the “Exchange” variation or of Marshall to Schliemann’s show how much room is left for personal tastes even within the books.

I should like to ask Mr. Jones (who hails, I observe, from my native village) or any of the other “croakers,” what proportion of their games trouble them by ending in draws, and whether they feel sure the trouble is due to their excessive reliance “on memory rather than on visualisation of positions and results to be brought about, etc.” As to this latter charge, I think the study of Reti’s games, or Marshall’s, in the New York tournament will relieve any anxiety lest mere memory play too large a part. That memory does not do so seems to be proved by the fact that the greatest analysts are not the greatest players. What would it have profited a third-rate player to have entered the New York tournament with the whole of Cook’s *Compendium* and Tattersall’s *End Games* at his finger-tips?

Yours sincerely,

REGINALD B. COOKE.

PORTLAND, MAINE, U.S.A.,

June 21st, 1924.

This correspondence is now closed.—Ed., *B.C.M.*

NEWS FROM THE BRITISH ISLES.

News and exchanges for the British News Section should be sent direct to R. H. S. Stevenson, 45 Clapham Road, London, S.W.9.

The new champion of Lincolnshire is H. Moss (Sleaford), who has defeated W. B. Keeling (Louth) in the first round. Mr. Moss was successful two years ago, but last year the honour passed to J. Brown (Grimsby). Mr. Keeling has been the runner-up on at least two occasions, and his turn may come in the near future. The leading half-dozen players in Lincolnshire are very evenly matched.

The "Richardson" Cup Competition is played on the knock-out principle, with teams of seven players. The issue generally rests between the Edinburgh and Glasgow clubs, although Dundee and Glasgow Central have each taken the trophy once. Glasgow have twelve successes recorded and Edinburgh eight.

The thirty-second annual general meeting of the Southern Counties Union was held at St. Bride's Institute, London, on June 28th. The secretary's report proved a useful year's work while the balance sheet showed £14 on the right side.

Dr. W. Mansergh Varley (Sussex) was elected chairman with F. W. Markwick (Essex) vice-chairman. The hon. treasurer, Major E. Montague Jones (Herts.), and hon. secretary, R. H. S. Stevenson (Kent), were re-elected.

The rules of the Union were considered at length and completely revised. They will shortly be printed and copies supplied to each constituent unit.

A vote of condolence with the relatives of the late Arthur Shomberg (hon. secretary of the Union, 1896—1906) was carried.

The scheme drawn up by the British Chess Federation for contributions to the annual Congress was adopted.

The prizes in the 1923 Correspondence Tournament of the British Chess Federation are as follows :—

Championship Section : 1, W. A. Hooper ; 2, W. Dobbie. *First Class*, A : A. W. Gaye and Rev. E. Wells, equal first. B : A. M. Doulton and H. J. Mansfield, equal first. *Second Class*, A : E. Goodwin and A. J. Windybank, equal first. B : A. J. Bennett and W. N. Tims, equal first. *Third Class*, A : A. C. Newbitt and W. C. Thomas, equal first. B : First, W. Byas. Second, Miss J. Ridge.

Re-arrangement of the Metropolitan Counties Competition.

Since 1894, matches of 50 to 100 players a-side have taken place in London between Kent, Surrey and Essex. In 1909 Middlesex entered the contests and the matches were always popular and generally

well supported. Only occasionally was the competitive spirit very intense, the play being of the go-as-you-please type.

After the war, it was found that these matches could be enlarged, so in 1922 they were actually played at 200 a-side. This proved unwieldy and finally 100 a-side was agreed on as the ideal number for Kent, Middlesex and Surrey. Essex decided that 50 a-side matches were most suited to their number and Sussex, stronger in numbers and playing strength than ever before desired to compete with teams of that number.

The best arrangement for the future was obviously to run two competitions, one for teams of 100 a-side and another for those of 50.

Two Shields are now being made and will be presented to the Southern Counties Chess Union by the present hon. secretary.

The first is being made of ebony and will be known as the "Ebony" Shield and will be held for twelve months by the winner of the larger series of matches. For the second, Amboyna wood has been chosen and this will be the trophy for the victors in the 50 a-side contests.

The Imperial Chess Club held its thirteenth annual general meeting on Monday, July 14th. There was an excellent attendance. Dr. V. H. Rutherford won the Championship Cup.

It was admitted that the success of the Club and increase of membership this year was largely due to the number of matches played and so splendidly organised by the energetic and capable match captain, Mrs. R. H. S. Stevenson.

J. F. Chance kindly audited the accounts which were highly satisfactory.

Mrs. Arthur Rawson was unanimously re-elected president of the Club and the committee were re-elected *en bloc*.

Great satisfaction was expressed at the comfort and convenience of the new premises at 62 Brook Street, which were secured mainly by the kind and sympathetic influence of Henry Bell.

Mrs. Arthur Rawson announced that the Committee highly approved of her scheme to invite Herr Geza Maroczy to give a Chess Display on October 25th, at the Hyde Park Hotel, in aid of the funds of the British Women's Patriotic League.

The third Annual Dinner of the Brixton Chess Club was held at the Half Moon Hotel, Herne Hill, on June 20th, about forty members being present.

Dr. F. St. J. Steadman proved a genial chairman and great cordiality characterised the proceedings. E. S. Tinsley gave the toast of the club and referred to the fact that Brixton had after many years again won the London Chess League Shield. The response was by G. A. Felce.

H. Buck proposed the Visitors, and Herbert Jacobs in a witty speech replied.

A delightful programme of music was given, all the artists being genuine chess players, G. R. Hardcastle (hon. secretary, London Chess League), the brothers H. G. and P. W. Tempest, H. Williams, A. E. Pavey (hon. secretary, Brixton C.C.) with B. Herring at the piano.

M. E. Goldstein played 17 games simultaneously at Brixton on July 10th, winning 8, drawing 8 and losing 1 to F. Vincent. The number of draws was partly due to the short time at the disposal of the single player.

The "Kent" cup has been won by Maidstone for the second time in that club's history. The win is popular and well deserved for Maidstone have always entered a team whether weak or strong and have been consistent supporters of the County Association.

The score in the final was as follows :—

| MAIDSTONE. | | | | | TUNBRIDGE WELLS. | | | | |
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| 1 | L. C. G. Dewing | .. | .. | 0 | E. L. Nickels | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| 2 | F. C. Bundock | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | W. M. Brooke | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 3 | F. A. Richardson | .. | .. | 1 | B. T. Stevenson | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 4 | C. G. Spicer | .. | .. | 1 | L. F. Pape | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 5 | J. P. Ingram | .. | .. | 1 | F. H. Jacobs.. | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 6 | W. B. Robinson | .. | .. | 1 | F. C. Pape | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 7 | G. A. Youngman | .. | .. | 0 | Rev. W. J. Torrance | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| 8 | H. J. C. Malins | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | C. J. Ranger | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
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The championship of Sheffield has been won by W. J. Berryman, the well-known Barnsley player, who defeated E. Dale (present Yorkshire champion) in the semi-final and J. Orange in the final.

Mr. Berryman is one of the most consistent supporters of chess in the county and should he also succeed in winning the championship of Yorkshire (he is in the final), it would be a most popular victory.

An Ulsterman, born in County Derry and educated at Trinity College, Dublin, he came to Barnsley in 1905 and is now Senior Classical Master at the Grammar School.

He has played for Yorkshire since 1910 and has attended most of the Annual Congresses of the British Chess Federation of which he is a Life Member.

In the "Woodhouse" cup he has hitherto played for Leeds but will in future represent Sheffield.

In 1902 he was playing in Shropshire, in 1908 he played in the second class tourney at the Kent and Sussex Congress at Hastings, and at a similar event at Tunbridge Wells in 1911. His win at Board 12 for Yorkshire v. Sussex in the final of 1921 enabled Yorkshire to win the English County championship for that year. He is a Life Member of the British Chess Federation, and never misses playing in the Annual Congress.

The last match in the "Sexton" cup competition was played on June 14th, between Brighton and Hove v. Rest of Sussex (except Hastings) with the following result:—

| BRIGHTON AND HOVE. | | | REST OF SUSSEX. | | |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|------|--------------------|---------|-----|
| 1 | Rev. E. Griffiths (Lewes) | .. 1 | J. Storr Best | .. .. . | 0 |
| 2 | W. Bridger (Chichester) | .. 0 | R. E. Lean | .. .. . | 1 |
| 3 | Capt. Whitworth (Lancing) | .. 1 | Major Chepmell | .. .. . | 0 |
| 4 | J. Chandler (Lewes) | .. ½ | J. H. Jones | .. .. . | ½ |
| 5 | E. G. Spears (Eastbourne) | .. ½ | Castle Leaver | .. .. . | ½ |
| 6 | W. Perrin (Haywards Heath) | .. 0 | E. G. Reed | .. .. . | 1 |
| 7 | F. L. Marchant (Hailsham) | .. 0 | H. W. Butler | .. .. . | 1 |
| 8 | H. A. N. Grant (Lewes) | .. ½ | F. Brook | .. .. . | ½ |
| 9 | H. E. Dewdney (Lewes) | .. 1 | F. Thompson | .. .. . | 0 |
| 10 | E. E. Stockens (Burgess Hill) | .. ½ | G. E. Smith | .. .. . | ½ |
| 11 | Dr. P. S. Spokes (Lewes) | .. 0 | Mrs. Sidney | .. .. . | 1 |
| 12 | J. K. Bryson (Seaford) | .. 1 | Dr. C. E. Whitcher | .. .. . | 0 |
| 13 | Major Prentice (Southwick) | .. 1 | F. Salaman | .. .. . | 1 |
| 14 | M. A. Prentice (Southwick) | .. 1 | A. B. Goodfellow | .. .. . | 0 |
| 15 | W. Willett (Shoreham) | .. 0 | A. T. Watson | .. .. . | 1 |
| 16 | G. D. Self (Haywards Heath) | .. 1 | G. E. Wright | .. .. . | 0 |
| 17 | W. Beattie (Lewes) | .. 0 | H. H. S. Fooks | .. .. . | 1 |
| 18 | G. G. Garland (Petworth) | .. 0 | H. L. B. Tindall | .. .. . | 1 |
| 19 | J. R. Green (Eastbourne) | .. 0 | H. S. Plumer | .. .. . | 1 |
| 20 | H. Strutt (Hailsham) | .. 1 | Mrs. Kershaw | .. .. . | 0 |
| 21 | R. Stiles (Eastbourne) | .. 1 | Mrs. Harrison | .. .. . | 0 |
| 22 | Rev. C. Hughes (Southwater) | .. 0 | H. S. Anderson | .. .. . | 1 |
| 23 | C. J. Gregory (Haywards Heath) | .. ½ | H. Day | .. .. . | ½ |
| 24 | C. Rollason (Eastbourne) | .. 1 | W. G. Evans | .. .. . | 0 |
| 25 | A. W. Page (Portslade) | .. 0 | W. E. Hollingdale | .. .. . | 1 |
| 26 | A. E. Smith (Hurst) | .. 1 | H. Newby | .. .. . | 0 |
| 27 | A. J. Kirby (Portslade) | .. 1 | Ad. Dorlencourt | .. .. . | 0 |
| | | 14½ | | | 12½ |

The championship of Rotherham has been won by E. J. Griffith by defeating A. R. Fleming by 2—1 in the play off. Each of these players have now held the Bingham trophy twice.

E. J. Griffith showed from early boyhood an aptitude for the game. At the age of 13 he won the first prize at Kent Coast College, and was elected captain of the College Chess Club the following season. At 18 he joined the Isle of Thanet Chess Club and won the club medal the same year. The following year he accepted the captaincy, and won five club medals in successive years. At 20 he was playing in the Kent first team, and at 22 played eight games for his county, winning five and drawing three. At this period he found the love of the game interfering with his studies, and gave up chess entirely for thirteen years.

He helped A. H. Hunter and E. S. Bardsley in the formation of the Rotherham Chess Club a few years ago, and has been captain and a trustee ever since. He is president of the Rotherham and District Chess League, vice-president of the Sheffield and District Chess League, and on the Selection Committee of the Yorkshire Chess Association. Mr. Griffith (who is in practice in Rotherham as a dentist) is in the semi-final for the Yorkshire championship.

Newcastle and District Chess League. Season 1923—1924.

| | P. | W. | L. | D. | Pts. |
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| Newcastle II | 7 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 6 |
| Whitley and Monkseaton | 7 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 4½ |
| Newcastle Y.M.C.A. | 7 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Armstrong College | 7 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 4 |
| South Shields Y.M.C.A. | 7 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Sunderland Y.M.C.A. | 7 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Tynemouth Y.M.C.A. | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | ½ |
| Jarrow Radicals | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| *Hebburn Wesleyans | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

*Hebburn Wesleyans resigned early in the season, owing to their inability to raise a team, so all their fixtures are ignored.

It is extremely likely the West of Scotland team will win the British County and District Correspondence Championship. Three games have gone for adjudication which are expected to add at least one more point to the total. To score 21 out of a possible 30 is a splendid performance. Last year Kent were winners with 19½.

WEST OF SCOTLAND.

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| 1 | Dr. R. C. Macdonald | I |
| 2 | J. A. M'Kee | 0 |
| 3 | D. M. MacIsaac (capt.) | I |
| 4 | C. Wardhaugh | ½ |
| 5 | J. Birch | ½ |
| 6 | J. R. Draper | ½ |
| 7 | J. Gilchrist | I |
| 8 | A. Murray | I |
| 9 | J. M. Nichol | I |
| 10 | Rev. J. Young | 0 |
| 11 | A. Martin | I |
| 12 | J. D. Chambers | I |
| 13 | J. E. Sachs | * |
| 14 | J. M'Grouther | I |
| 15 | R. Walker | 0 |
| 16 | W. A. Lockhead | 0 |
| 17 | P. Fyfe | * |
| 18 | H. Dobson | I |
| 19 | M. Davies | 0 |
| 20 | T. C. Rutledge | * |
| 21 | R. B. Thomson | I |
| 22 | J. Young | I |
| 23 | S. C. Weir | I |
| 24 | Miss Gilchrist | I |
| 25 | R. Leigh | ½ |
| 26 | W. Sharp | I |
| 27 | J. H. Elliot | I |
| 28 | H. White | I |
| 29 | J. Dickson | I |
| 30 | Mrs. Brockett | I |

COMPOSITE TEAM.

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| R. C. Griffith (Middlesex) | 0 |
| J. H. Taylor (Worcestershire) | I |
| A. Menhennick (Cornwall) | 0 |
| H. A. Way (Hants.) | ½ |
| E. Jones (Warwickshire) | ½ |
| H. E. Dobell (Sussex) | ½ |
| T. H. Cox (Berks.) | 0 |
| Capt. J. V. Jacklin (Herts.) | 0 |
| J. Whitworth (Cheshire) | 0 |
| H. Kearne (Lancs.) | I |
| F. Shrubsole (Kent) | 0 |
| A. Howell (Surrey) | 0 |
| J. Rounsfell (Somerset) | * |
| Rev. J. J. Smith | 0 |
| W. Barker (Staffs.) | I |
| J. Croysdale (Yorks.) | I |
| J. Harris (South Wales) | * |
| W. Clare (Middlesex) | I |
| J. Rose (Worcester) | I |
| Rev. H. Oxland (Cornwall) | * |
| H. Pittiman (Hants) | 0 |
| H. Doran (Warwickshire) | 0 |
| C. E. James (Sussex) | 0 |
| J. Spackman (Berks.) | 0 |
| S. Skillman (Herts.) | ½ |
| G. Bulmer (Cheshire) | 0 |
| D. Morgan (Lancs.) | 0 |
| C. J. Ranger (Kent) | 0 |
| W. H. Rees (Surrey) | 0 |
| Mrs. Palmer (Somerset) | 0 |

The championship of Lincoln City Chess Club has been won by E. J. Baldock.

Correspondence Match, Lincolnshire. v Bedfordshire. November 1923 to May 1924 :—

| LINCOLNSHIRE. | | | | | | BEDFORDSHIRE | | | | | |
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| 1 | J. Brown | .. | .. | .. | 1 | W. Church | .. | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 2 | W. B. Keeling | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | R. H. Rushton | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 3 | J. Parker | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | F. Dickens | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 4 | J. H. Todd | .. | .. | .. | 1 | H. Simons | .. | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 5 | T. Bundock | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | J. W. Thorburn | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 6 | F. G. Beverley | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | S. W. Dickens | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 7 | G. H. Hill | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | G. L. White | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 8 | Rev. M. Riggall | .. | .. | .. | 0 | H. Meakin | .. | .. | .. | 1 | |
| 9 | Rev. G. Stevenson | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | A. B. Oliver | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 10 | W. Owen | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | W. Mitchell | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 11 | Rev. A. Leakey | .. | .. | .. | 1 | A. Geeve | .. | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 12 | Rev. H. V. Heber Percy | .. | .. | .. | 0 | L. S. Hingley | .. | .. | .. | 1 | |
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Match played at Christ Church Club, Brighton, July 5th, 1924 :

| CHRIST CHURCH. | | BATTERSEA. | |
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| 1 R. E. Lean | 0 | G. Wernick | 1 |
| 2 J. Storr-Best | 0 | F. Dark | 1 |
| 3 Major C. H. Chepmell | $\frac{1}{2}$ | W. L. Brierley | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 4 E. G. Reed | * $\frac{1}{2}$ | G. F. Mitchell | * $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 5 W. Bridger | 1 | O. Henke | 0 |
| 6 W. R. Andrews | 1 | E. Chart | 0 |
| 7 G. V. Butler | $\frac{1}{2}$ | S. P. Lees | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 8 J. Chandler | 1 | H. S. Anderson | 0 |
| 9 C. J. A. Wade | 0 | G. Hills | 1 |
| 10 Hon. F. G. Hamilton-Russell | 0 | W. Plumer | 1 |
| 11 Dr. W. M. Varley | 1 | A. W. Gresty | 0 |
| 12 H. W. Butler | 0 | H. Evans | 1 |
| 13 H. Barr | 0 | W. Evans | 1 |
| 14 F. Brook | 0 | A. H. Thomas, junr. | 1 |
| 15 G. E. Smith | 1 | J. D. Ballantine | 0 |
| 16 A. T. Watson | 0 | A. E. Newton | 1 |
| 17 G. E. Wright | 1 | T. H. Jones | 0 |
| 18 G. G. Garland | 1 | J. F. Newton | 0 |
| 19 Dr. C. E. Whitcher | 0 | H. M. Baldrey | 1 |
| 20 A. L. B. Tindall | $\frac{1}{2}$ | J. B. Smith | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 21 Sir R. F. Barrett-Lennard | 1 | A. H. Thomas, senr. | 0 |
| 22 C. R. C. Farmer | 0 | G. Booth | 1 |
| 23 E. W. H. Willott | 1 | W. Randall | 0 |
| 24 J. White | 1 | Rev. D. Russell-Mitchell | 0 |
| 25 W. G. Evans | 1 | G. A. Pekkett | 0 |
| 26 C. H. Watson | 0 | W. J. Bishop | 1 |
| 27 W. E. Hollingdale | 1 | W. Barnes | 0 |
| 28 L. B. Hunt | 1 | C. J. Hedgeland | 0 |
| 29 A. J. Kirby | 1 | R. Cushion | 0 |

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* Adjudicated.

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This is the first time a London team has visited Brighton for 10 years.

The championship of Sussex has been won by W. R. Andrews who has on only two previous occasions entered this competition. It was in 1889 that he first played and then he won the cup while in 1890 he was only defeated in the final.

Among the entries for the Aonac Tailteann chess competitions, which commence in Dublin on August 4th, are J. J. O'Hanlon and R. W. Conroy, for the championship.

Lord Dunsany will play in the Major Tournament.

Surrey County Chess Association.—The leaders of the various events promoted by the Surrey County Chess Association are as under :

Challenge Cup (County Championship). Section A.—Dr. F. Steadman 3 points (out of 4 games) ; R. C. J. Walker and H. G. Felce, each $3\frac{1}{2}$ (5) ; E. Macdonald, 2 (3).

Section B.—F. F. L. Alexander, 7 (9), finished ; R. H. Birch $5\frac{1}{2}$ (7) ; H. B. Uber, 4 (6) ; G. A. Felce 3 (6).

Slater-Kennington Cup.—Section A.—E. W. Davies, 5 (6); C. B. Willis, $4\frac{1}{2}$ (6); H. Ward, 4 (6); A. D. Barlow, 3 (5).

Section B.—O. Hinke, $5\frac{1}{2}$ (7); S. P. Lees, $4\frac{1}{2}$ (6); F. E. Yewdall and E. Chart, each 4 (6).

Felce Cup. Section A.—W. W. Starling and Dr. J. J. O'Keefe, each 3 (4).

Section B.—L. L. Poynter, 4 (4).

Wernick Cup. Section A.—H. Evans and F. Timewell, each $3\frac{1}{2}$ (5).

Section B.—A. E. Newton, 5 (6); W. Evans, 4 (5); Dr. Miller, 5 (8).

Essex County Trophy.—Having defeated the strong Southend Club, Chelmsford qualified to meet Leyton in the final for the Silver Rook. The match was played at Chelmsford on the 19th July, the teams being hospitably entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Scrivener—the former a staunch supporter of Chelmsford and Essex chess.

Neither team was fully representative, but two good eights took the field. Chelmsford scored two wins in the first hour, but the Leyton players quickly recovered the lead and ran out good winners.

| LEYTON. | | | | | CHELMSFORD. | | | | | | |
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| 1 | E. W. Osler (W.) | .. | .. | .. | 1 | Aylmer Maude | .. | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 2 | F. W. Markwick | .. | .. | .. | 0 | F. A. Sisley | .. | .. | .. | 1 | |
| 3 | W. H. Taylor | .. | .. | .. | 0 | B. Hagger | .. | .. | .. | 1 | |
| 4 | C. A. Thorogood | .. | .. | .. | 1 | M. Willis | .. | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 5 | G. F. Hawkins | .. | .. | .. | 1 | L. Weaver | .. | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 6 | H. H. Gill | .. | .. | .. | 1 | W. Smith | .. | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 7 | R. C. Harvey | .. | .. | .. | 1 | L. Maude | .. | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 8 | F. Downton | .. | .. | .. | 1 | R. Leach | .. | .. | .. | 0 | |
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The annual general meeting of the Poor Law Officers' Chess Association took place at the Gambit Chess Rooms, London, on the 21st of July, when T. F. Prangnell was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer, and C. S. Burton was made match captain. These officers will be pleased to arrange matches with other associations, and to enrol players who are Poor Law Officers.

OBITUARY.

The death is reported of W. D. Bailey, who up to his retirement in 1917, had been for nineteen years hon. secretary of the Manchester C.C. On occasions he represented not only his club but also his county.

We regret to report the death of two well-known and enthusiastic players, G. H. Lock, of Shrewsbury, and J. W. Swinburne, of Helen-

burgh. Mr. Lock, who was Mathematics Master at Shrewsbury School up to 1914, represented Shropshire in the Midland Counties' championship; and Mr. Swinburne, who was a distant relative of the poet, was a prominent member of the Helensburgh C.C. when they won the first competition for the Spens cup.

The death is reported of the Russian master S. M. Levitsky, who is supposed to have been living in the Ural region for some time past. He took part in the Breslau tournament in 1912, and in the same year contested a match with Alekhine, losing by 3—7.

Victor Holst, one of the leading Danish problemists, died in Copenhagen last March.

The *Revue Suisse d'Echecs* for June records the death of M. Henri Guyaz, the founder of the Genève C.C. in 1907 and a prominent organiser of correspondence tournaments in Switzerland, as well as a strong player.

The death occurred on June 30th at his home at Reading, of Arthur Hamilton, the very popular and hard-working hon. secretary of Berkshire Chess Association.

Although feeling very unwell, he attended the annual meeting of the Southern Counties Chess Union in London only two days previous. He was chairman of the Union for 1923-4 and knew how to conduct a meeting. His death so soon after quitting office came as a great shock to his large circle of friends; and he will be seriously missed in Reading.

As the result of his organising ability Berkshire Chess Association was formed in 1921, succeeding the old Reading and District Chess League, and a very sporting county team had been collected.

He served in the Sportsmen's Battalion in the War.

"MODERN CHESS OPENINGS"—Third Edition.

As announced in the September number, 1923, R. C. Griffith with the help of M. E. Goldstein, hon. secretary of the Hampstead Chess Club, is shortly bringing out the third edition of this work.

The work is now nearing completion, and the authors would be glad to receive from any readers any special variations for examination*. The book will be issued at 5/-, probably early in October. Orders can be received up to August 31st at 4/6 pre-paid. Interleaved copies at 1/- extra will be obtainable.

The book is being published by Messrs. Whitehead & Miller, Ltd., 15 Elmwood Lane, Leeds, to whom all orders should be sent.

* Should be sent to M. E. Goldstein, 92 Dartmouth Road, London, N.W.12.

NEWS FROM THE DOMINIONS AND FOREIGN LANDS.

South Africa.—The programme of the S.A. championship, opening at Durban on July 14th, was for eight entries, two each from Cape Town, Johannesburg and Durban, and one each from Pretoria and the O.F.S.

In the play-off between Messrs. Harrison and Broer for the chess championship of the Union Club, Johannesburg, the former won. The well-known Dr. Blieden seems to have been out of form, as he could only take third place.

Australia.—Boris Kostitch seems to be having a very successful tour. *The Australasian* is enthusiastic about his visit to Melbourne, where he gave practically two simultaneous displays every day, with most favourable results to himself.

By the end of the fourteenth round of the Victorian championship C. G. Watson had made a practical certainty of the title, having won 11 games and drawn 2 (both of the latter against S. Woinarski, a dashing young aspirant, for the first time, to the State championship).

New Zealand.—The Wellington chess season opened on May 17th with a territorial match, North v. South Wellington, in which 114 players took part. After adjudication on the unfinished games had taken place, the North won by 29—28. The South had the satisfaction, however, of scoring three wins (R. J. Barnes, G. P. Anderson and F. K. Kelling) and two draws on the first five boards.

There are five entries for the N.Z. club championship this season : Auckland, Wellington, Nelson, Christchurch (Canterbury C.C.), and Dunedin (Otago C.C.). Auckland began with a comfortable win over Nelson.

France.—In the Amateur International Chess Tournament in connection with the Olympic Games, which commenced at the Salle des Fêtes de la Mairie in the Rue Drouot, Paris, on July 12th, the 9 sectional winners among the 54 entries were :—A. Mattison (Latvia), A. Vajda (Hungary), M. Euwe (Holland), E. Colle (Belgium), F. Apscheneek (Latvia), M. Golmayo (Spain), A. Tcherpunov (Finland), C. Havasi (Hungary), and L. Palau (Argentina).

In the final Mattison took first prize with a score of $5\frac{1}{2}$, Apscheneek (5) was second, Colle ($4\frac{1}{2}$) third, and Euwe, Vajda and Tcherpunov scored 4 each.

J. J. O'Hanlon (Ireland) just failed to get among the seconds ; while Mrs. Holloway, H. K. Handasyde, and C. Wreford Brown (Britain) and Dr. S. F. Smith (Canada) met with less success.

At Colmar on May 25th, the Strasbourg Chess Club received a visit from Bâle, when an 18 a-side double-round match resulted in favour of the home team by $19\frac{1}{2}$ — $16\frac{1}{2}$. The Swiss players, however, had the satisfaction that on Board 1 E. Voellmy beat E. Michel $1\frac{1}{2}$ — $\frac{1}{2}$, and on Board 2 M. Henneberger beat Professor Surén 2—0.

Germany.—For some reason we have found German chess news very scanty of late. We note that Dr. Lasker, in an interview in Russia, before leaving for the New York tournament, gave it as his opinion that chess is at present at a low level in Germany as a result of the antagonism of the national federation to professionalism. This is a view worthy of consideration.

A gathering to welcome the return to Germany of Dr. Lasker, met at the Rathaus, Berlin, on July 2nd, when the ex-champion was warmly congratulated on his New York victory.

The thirty-second Thuringian chess congress was to be held at Eisenach, July 12th—17th.

A feature of the congress was to be a match between Grünfeld and Post.

The ninth Bavarian congress was due to begin on July 19th at Munich.

A small tournament was held in Leipzig at the end of June, in which Mieses and Teichmann participated with the four local amateurs, F. Woog, M. Blümich, W. Müller and O. Gortz. The two masters divided the two prizes, with a score of $4\frac{1}{2}$ each, while the amateurs were placed in the order named.

Holland.—Two 10 a-side matches were played at Whitsuntide by a representative Dutch team, numbering 12 in all, against Belgium and France respectively. In each case it was the first international match contested by the home country. In Brussels on June 7th, Holland beat Belgium $5\frac{1}{2}$ — $4\frac{1}{2}$, Euwe defeating Koltanowski on the top board, Weenink losing to Colle on the second, and te Kolsté drawing with Boruchovitz on the third. In Paris on June 9th Holland beat France $6\frac{1}{2}$ — $3\frac{1}{2}$, Euwe defeating Muffang on the top board, and te Kolsté and Weenink drawing with Silbert and Lazard on the second and third.

Rudolf Loman writes to us that, after Holland's matches with Berlin, Prague and Vienna, and the two just mentioned, it would be appropriate to have another match, or rather two matches, home and home, between Dutch and English players. We commend this suggestion to the consideration of the B.C.F.

Italy.—The Sicilian "regional" tournament has been won by G. Cancelliere, with a score of seven victories and two draws.

Yugoslavia.—A correspondent writes to us that the four chief chess-centres in this country are Belgrade, Zagreb, Novi Sad, and Subotiza. The Belgrade Chess Club has now been established for a few months, chiefly through the activity of Mr. Ovadija, a local lawyer. It is housed in the "Urania" restaurant, and a hearty welcome is extended to all visiting chess players. There is also in Belgrade a Russian Students' chess club, under the presidency of Mr. Boris Stepanov. This has many strong players, notably its champion, Mr. Martinovsky, and could put up a good fight against any of the Yugoslavian chess clubs.

Sweden.—G. Nyholm has won the championship of Göteborg, E. Carlen that of Stockholm.

A match between G. Nyholm and Allan Nilsson (which was only a friendly affair, not for the championship) was abandoned after three games had been played.

The eighth national congress started at Norrköping on July 6th, with nearly 100 competitors in the various events.

Finland.—On April 9th, the Helsingfors C.C., the oldest and largest of the Finnish chess clubs, celebrated its thirty-eighth anniversary.

Latvia.—Chess has taken a new lease of life here since the influence of the war has declined, and there are quite a number of strong and well-organised clubs in all parts of the country, especially Riga. A national federation is being formed, and a first national congress is in prospect.

The strongest players in the country are H. Mattison, K. Behting, F. Apshineek and A. Hartman; while W. Samuel, President, and Ringold Kalning, Minister of Finance, are enthusiastic amateurs of the game.

Brazil.—From *The Brazilian American* we learn that there is an idea of starting a Brazilian Chess Federation; of launching a chess magazine; and of inducing Richard Réti (after his engagement in the Argentine) to visit Brazil.

The latest score to hand in the match Souza Mendes v. Vianna is $4\frac{1}{2}$ — $\frac{1}{2}$ in favour of the former.

It appears, after all, that the Argentina-Brazil cable match was *not* a win for Brazil, but a draw 4 all. Of the games for adjudication 2 were awarded to Argentina, one to Brazil, and one was given a draw. We, like many other chess editors, were misled by a premature Brazilian report, claiming a victory!

As he left America by the *Mauretania* on June 11th, Dr. Lasker delivered the following message, in writing, to the representative of *The Brooklyn Eagle*:—

In [the matter of the world's championship, the next move must come from the chess world. Let it express its will. Best of all, let it organise itself into a real, live international chess federation as a preparatory step for the arrangement of international contests. Down with all nationalism in our old, noble, profound game.

Excellent sentiments! That International Chess Federation is long overdue.

Dr. Lasker returned to Berlin *via* Southampton and London, but only paid the briefest of visits to London. In November he proposes to go back to the United States and to make a tour, giving exhibitions and lectures, until December 31st.

THE BRITISH CORRESPONDENCE CHESS ASSOCIATION.

All communications respecting these pages should be addressed to the hon. secretary, Mr. H. E. Matthews, 37 Anson Street, Monton, Eccles, Manchester.

Matches.—We are making headway very slowly against the *Chess Amateur*, who still maintain their lead. There is every reason to think that the margin in favour of either side will be very small at the finish. As we go to press the scores are: *v. Chess Amateur* (22—24); *v. Belfast News Letter* (3—1); Poor Law Officers (1—3).

Handicap Tourney Results.—*Wins*: Armitage *v.* Lesser, Ovington; Berhndt *v.* Anderton (2); Chambers *v.* Joyce; Gurney *v.* Farr (2), Fairclough; Gale *v.* Wilcox; Hapgood *v.* Snook; Hume *v.* Ward; Holbrook *v.* Le Grip; Joyce *v.* Somerville; Lesser *v.* Sheard; Haslet *v.* Le Grip; Lister *v.* Hirst (2); Lyne, R. N. *v.* Hume, Cornwell (2); Le Grip *v.* Maden (2); Munro *v.* Murray, Curson, Hibbert (2), P. Wilson; North *v.* Farr (2); Miss New *v.* Palmer (2); Ovington *v.* Armitage, Gould (2), Ward, Wilcox; Rynders *v.* Griffin (2), Sheard, Weston (2), Somerville; Simeon *v.* Cornwell (2); Seymore *v.* Houghton; Snook *v.* Hapgood, McKellan; Sheard *v.* Wilcox; Somerville *v.* Weston; Tollit *v.* Gurney; Wilcox *v.* Chambers, Parkinson, Coleman (2). Ovington; Ward *v.* Maden, Somerville (2), Ovington, Mrs. Pullin (2), Hume; P. Wilson *v.* Weston (2), Duffell; Duffell *v.* P. Wilson; Windybank *v.* White (2); Weston *v.* Gould. *Draws*: Armitage *v.* Lesser; Chambers *v.* Wilcox; Gurney *v.* Tollit, Gould (2); Gale *v.* Wilcox; Joyce *v.* Somerville; Goodwin *v.* Lesser; Munro *v.* Wilcox; Snook *v.* Tollitt (2); Wilson *v.* Munro; Weston *v.* Gould.

It is suggested that a competition on 'knock-out' lines be held in addition to the usual tourneys. Each competition would be limited to 36 players and it would probably be necessary to charge a small entrance fee to cover expenses. The players would be divided into 12 sections of three, each playing one game against the other two. The first second and third in *each* section would go into Round 1 of a Gold, Silver and Bronze Medal tourney, respectively. Here they would again play in sections of three leaving the four winners to go into the final section. Three rounds would thus be necessary and the tourney would last about eighteen months. Ties would be decided by ballot, the loser retaining the right to challenge the winner if he won a medal. Every competitor would be assured of at least four games, and the advantage would be that players would have an opportunity of games against stronger opponents. We should be glad to have the views of members on the proposal.

The following game, played in the current Trophies Tourney, will repay examination. Notes by Dr. Macdonald.

GAME No. 5,261.

Ruy Lopez.

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| DR. R. C. MACDONALD | | L. Illingworth | | DR. R. C. MACDONALD | | L. Illingworth | |
| (Inverness.) | | (Royston). | | (Inverness.) | | (Royston). | |
| 1 | P—K 4 | | P—K 4 | 32 | Q—B 3 | | Q—R 4 |
| 2 | Kt—K B 3 | | Kt—Q B 3 | 33 | P—K R 3 | | R—Kt 1 |
| 3 | B—Kt 5 | | P—Q R 3 | 34 | Kt—R 2 | | P—Kt 5 |
| 4 | B—R 4 | | Kt—B 3 | 35 | Q—Kt 3 | | P×P |
| 5 | Castles | | Kt×P | 36 | P×P | | Q—R 2 |
| 6 | P—Q 4 | | P—Q Kt 4 | 37 | Kt—B 3 | | Q—K 2 |
| 7 | B—Kt 3 | | P—Q 4 | 38 | Kt—Kt 5 | | Q R—K 1 |
| 8 | P×P | | B—K 3 | 39 | Q—R 4 | | Q—R 2 |
| 9 | P—Q B 3 | | B—K 2 | 40 | P—K Kt 4 | | R—K 2 |
| 10 | R—K 1 | | Castles | 41 | Q—R 6 | | B—B 1 |
| 11 | Kt (Q)—Q 2 | | Kt—B 4 | 42 | P×P | | B×P |
| 12 | Kt—Q 4 | | Kt×Kt | 43 | B×B | | R×B |
| 13 | P×Kt | | Kt—Q 6 | 44 | K—R 1 | | Kt×P |
| 14 | R—K 3 | | Kt—B 5 | 45 | R (B 2)—Q 2 (a) | | P—B 6 |
| 15 | Kt—B 1 | | P—Q B 4 | 46 | R—K Kt 2 | | R (B 4)×K P (b) |
| 16 | R—K 1 | | Kt—Kt 3 | 47 | Kt×R P | | R—K 8 ch |
| 17 | B—K 3 | | P—B 5 | 48 | R—Kt 1 | | R×Kt |
| 18 | B—B 2 | | P—B 4 | 49 | Q×P ch | | R—Kt 2 |
| 19 | P—B 4 | | Q—Q 2 | 50 | Q×R | | Q×Q |
| 20 | Q—R 5 | | B—Kt 5 | 51 | R (Q 1)×R | | Q×R ch |
| 21 | R—K 2 | | Kt—K 2 | 52 | R×Q ch (c) | | K—B 2 |
| 22 | B—Q 2 | | Kt—B 3 | 53 | R—Q 1 | | Kt—Kt 6 (d) |
| 23 | B×B | | Kt×B | 54 | R×P | | P—B 7 |
| 24 | P—Q R 3 | | Kt—B 3 | 55 | R—Q 7 ch | | K—B 3 |
| 25 | R—Q 2 | | P—R 4 | 56 | R—Q B 7 | | P—B 8 (Q) |
| 26 | Kt—K 3 | | P—Kt 3 | 57 | R×Q | | Kt×R |
| 27 | Q—K 2 | | P—R 5 | 58 | K—Kt 2 | | Kt—K 7 |
| 28 | Q R—Q 1 | | Kt—R 4 | 59 | Kt—B 3 | | Kt—Q 5 ch |
| 29 | Q—B 3 | | Kt—Kt 6 | 60 | K—K 4 | | Kt—Kt 4 |
| 30 | R—B 2 | | Q R—Q 1 | 61 | P—R 4 | | Kt×P |
| 31 | Kt—B 1 | | Q—R 2 | 62 | K—Q 3 | | Kt—Kt 4 |

Drawn.

(a) 44 K—R 1 was played so that R—Kt 2 could be played ; R—Q 2 was weak. Possibly 44 R—Kt 2 was best.

(b) A very beautiful and powerful move.

(c) K×R gives an easy draw ; possibly White had dreamt of winning variations.

(d) If Black K—Q 3 complications and various possibilities on either side arise.

CHESS FOR BEGINNERS

(Continued from page 285).

Thirty-eight solvers this month, including two new ones. Readers will be sorry to hear that the leader, Rev. J. B. Bourne, has been too poorly to send in, "G.A.W." has just passed "R.W.E." and climbs to the top of the ladder for the second time, and his score is therefore cancelled.

"G.A.W." (1), 283, 3, 5, 5, 5, 301; "R.W.E.," 284, 5, 5, 4, 1, 299; Rev. J. B. Bourne (1), 292, no solutions; C. C. Excell, 259, -, 5, 5, 5, 274; "N.M." (2), 252, 3, 5, 3, 3, 266; "A.W.T.H.," 235, 5, 3, 2, 4, 249; T. E. Storrs, 219, 2, 5, 4, 4, 234; D. E. Budge (1), 210, 4, 5, 4, 2, 225; "H.D.B." (India), 202 (149/52), 2, 4, 3, -, 211; C.P. (1), 196, -, 5, 3, 0, 204; J. Allcock, 184, 4, 5, 3, 5, 201; J. A. Evans (1), 179, 3, 5, 0, 5, 192; "J.W.T.," 169, 2, 5, 4, 4, 184; C. J. Cole (1), 167, 2, 5, 3, 3, 180; Wm. Skirrow (1), 161, 5, 5, 3, 3, 177; A. E. Smith (1), 161, 2, 5, 3, 3, 174; "F.H." (1), 148, 2, 5, -, -, 155; C. Skertchley, 121, 5, 5, 3, 0, 134; C. H. Jago, 116, 2, 5, 2, 4, 129; D. R. Langton (1), 110, 2, 5, 5, 5, 127; "Tyro" (1), 114, 2, 5, 2, 0, 123; "Clare," 107, 2, 5, 3, 5, 122; A. G. Allen (2), 85, 5, 5, 5, 5, 105; "Worton," 102, no solutions; A. Lockley (1), 99, no solutions; J. C. Derlien, 85, -, 5, 5, 1, 96; C. G. Caldecott, 61, 5, 5, 2, 4, 77; F. M. Reade (1), 59, -, 5, 3, 5, 72; "Beta," 44, 2, 5, 3, 5, 59; "J.E.D.," 41, 4, 5, 3, 2, 55; F. Newell, 29, 5, 5, 3, 3, 45; "Hakaoh," 29, 3, 5, 2, 4, 44; M. G. Kendall, 24, 5, 5, -, 3, 37; R. Mathieson (1), 18, 5, 5, 2, 3, 33; A. D. C. Amos (2), 13, 4, 5, 3, 5, 30; "W.H.C.," 8, 2, 5, 3, 1, 19; C. Ellice (1), 5, 5, 3, 5, 18; W. E. Hollingdale, 5, 5, 5, 1, 16; P. Nielsen, -, 5, 5, 5, 15; "Rook," 4, -, 5, 0, 4, 13; "Knight," -, 5, 3, -, 8.

It will be noted A. G. Allen secured maximum points.

I am not giving the solutions of Problems 157 to 160 till next month, partly because my time is so taken up with an attempt to get another edition of *Modern Chess Openings* ready for the autumn, and partly that I have been under the doctor's hands, and have to "go slow."

It is most annoying that I cannot find the source from which I got Problem No. 156, particularly as the solution I gave is incorrect, for 9 R—B 8 ch would win for White. There must, I think, have been a Black Pawn at Q B 3; however, if solvers will look at the position again, with this correction, they will see the point of the problem I had intended to give. Also with regard to Problem No. 155, I gave the solution supplied by the gentleman who sent it me, but after 1 P—B 4, if Black move his Bishop, it is not mate in four. Several point out a mate in seven by 1 Kt—B 6, 2 P—Kt 3 ch, 3 K—Kt 1, 4 Kt—R 7 (P—B 3), 5 Kt×P, 6 Kt—R 7 and 7 Kt—Kt 5 mate, and yet even that is incorrect, for several solvers prove an ingenious draw. 1 P—B 4, B—Kt 4; 2 Kt—B 6, B—B 5; 3 P—Kt 3 ch, K—R 6; 4 K—Kt 1, B—Q 3; 5 Kt—R 7, P—B 3; 6 Kt×P, B—Kt 1! and after this I can find no win. It seems, therefore, that the

solution of this problem is also incorrect ! Let those who say chess is played out, study some of these end-games !

REMARKS TO CORRESPONDENTS.—General—Many solvers have not yet adopted a pseudonym. "C.G.C."—Very careless in notation, *i.e.*, in 155 you give 5 K—R 7, P—B 4, both of which are impossible, and should be 5 Kt—R 7, P—B 3. Have looked at your solution of 144, but cannot credit you with more, no moves are given at all ! "J.E.D."—You missed the point of 156. If 1 K—Kt 1, even without a Pawn at Q B 3, Black draws by the line given by me, but not by 1 R—Kt 7 ch. "M.G.K."—Now you know you were lucky to win ! "H.L.Z."—Very glad to welcome you ; shall not be going through solutions of 157 to 160 until next month. "Worton."—Sorry you forgot to post your solutions. "S.R.C."—Your solutions refer to 157 (unsolved), but I think you meant 153. Your conclusion as to 155 is correct, but your solution does not go far enough to prove the contention. "N.M."—Well, there is this solatium some have been really difficult. "W.E.H."—Congratulations ! Unfortunately your notation towards the end of 155 has gone "off the rocks." The Knight standing at Q B 6, goes to Q 7 ! next move, and thereafter fogs me completely. In 156. After 1 K—Kt 1, R—Kt 7 ch is not the right move, and your 1 . . . R—R 8 variation goes wrong at move 4, Black should follow up with his King, threatening mate. Avoid *useless* checks ! C. H. Jago.—Your solution of 155 is a little "bare" and as you will see by this month also incorrect ! "Tyro."—Not so much time spent on them as usual I fear. I call 156 real bad, and am ashamed of you ! "J.C.D."—155. Congratulations, but 156, please take remarks to "Tyro" to yourself, why, oh why, 3 R—K Kt 7 ? to let White win ! "R.W.E."—156. You pain me ! "J.A.E."—You may get the right result in 155, but the method is all wrong. One must *try* to win. "C.P.," "C.J.C."—156. Why not 2 R—R 8 winning easily ? "F.N."—Many thanks for kind remarks. I wish I had noted you were coming to town, by reading your note at the time, but I shove all solutions into a case until the following month. For that reason I prefer notes and remarks written on a separate sheet ! "Rook."—156. 1 K—Kt 1, R—Kt 8 ch (should be R—R 8 ch) ; 2 K—R 1 (should be K—R 2), K—Kt 7 ! ? Can you wonder at o ! In 155 you have got the idea but the play of the Bishop is incorrect. Instead of 8 B—K 4 try K—Kt 6, then if Kt—K 4, B—B 7. "G.A.W."—153. 1 . . . Kt—Q B 4 twice repeated, when evidently you mean Kt×Q B P, for you follow it in one variation by Kt×Q. "W.H.C."—Stick to it, these are better. Study the solutions, especially the alterations this month ! Homer nods, frequently, as you see ! "Hakoah."—With regard to your list I think you place 4, 8 and 14 too high ; and 17 would be almost off the list now, from age, not ability. Solution of 155 careless. 1 . . . B—B 2 ! impossible. "A.E.S."—156. No, if 6 R—R 8, K—Kt 6 ; 7 P—Kt 8=Queen. 150. If 1 R—Q 6, P—B 3, I should think 2 Q—Kt 6. "J.B.B."—So sorry you are *hors de combat* as otherwise you would have headed the ladder this month for the second time.

GAME DEPARTMENT

GAME No. 5,262.

Played in the tournament for the championship of New Zealand (see pages 98 and 244). Notes by J. H. Blake.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

WHITE
S. CRACKANTHORP

BLACK
F. K. KELLING

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|------------|------------|
| 1 P—Q 4 | 1 P—Q 4 |
| 2 P—Q B 4 | 2 P—K 3 |
| 3 Kt—Q B 3 | 3 Kt—K B 3 |
| 4 B—Kt 5 | 4 B—K 2 |
| 5 P—K 3 | 5 Castles |
| 6 Kt—B 3 | 6 P—Q Kt 3 |

.....A continuation long since superseded by 6.., Q Kt—Q 2.

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|---------|-----------|
| 7 P×P | 7 P×P |
| 8 B—Q 3 | 8 B—Kt 2 |
| 9 Q—B 2 | 9 P—K R 3 |

.....As he cannot take the Bishop (after 10 P—K R 4) it is advisable not to move the Rook's Pawn until absolutely necessary. 9...Q Kt—Q 2 is therefore better; he can follow it with 10...P—B 4 (see game No. 5,043, *B.C.M.*, April, 1923), or with 10...R—K 1 and 11...Kt—B 1. (10 Kt—K 5 for White merely leads to exchanges).

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| 10 P—K R 4 | 10 Q Kt—Q 2 |
| 11 Kt—K 5 | 11 Kt×Kt |

.....One of the two courses just mentioned should still be followed.

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| 12 P×Kt | 12 Kt—Q 2 |
| 13 P—B 4 | 13 P—K B 3 |

.....Deliberately provoking a crisis which should have been fatal to him.

(See diagram).

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| 14 B×R P! | 14 P×B |
| 15 B—R 6 | |

Mr. Kelling (who states in his notes that White played the game "with one eye on the brilliancy

prize") calls this move "a bolt from the blue." Now in these latitudes the sky would be pronounced "thunderous" at any time after White's 10th move. As a surprise stroke the results of this coup are not great; after the 20th move it turns out that White has merely exchanged his well-placed Bishop for another which was for the time being incapable of exercising any effect upon the crucial point of the position. And all the while White had at command a winning line by the most straightforward process! 15 B—R 7 ch, K—R 1; 16 Q—Kt 6! Now White threatens alternatively 17 B—Kt 8 or 17 Q×R P. If 16...B—Kt 5; 17 Q×R P, Q—K 2; 18 B—B 5 ch, K—Kt 1; 19 R—R 3, Q—Kt 2; 20 Q×Q ch, R×Q; 21 B×Kt, P×P; 22 P×P, and should win. Or 16...P×P; 17 Q×R P (17 B—Kt 8, Kt—B 3!), R—B 2; 18 B—Kt 6 ch, K—Kt 1; 19 B×R ch, K×B; 20 Castles Q R, and again White should win.

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|--------------|-----------|
| | 15 B×B |
| 16 Q—Kt 6 ch | 16 K—R 1 |
| 17 Q×R P ch | 17 K—Kt 1 |
| 18 Q—Kt 6 ch | 18 K—R 1 |
| 19 R—R 3 | 19 B—Q 6 |

.....The only resource, but sufficient for the immediate need.

20 Q×B

20 P—K 4 is not so good, because 20...B×P; 21 Kt×B, B—Kt 5 ch; 22 K moves, Q—K 2! Nor 20 P—B 5, because 20...B×P; 21 Q×B, Q—K 1! White must therefore pause to capture the Bishop.

20 R—K Kt 1

.....One alternative here is 20.., P×P; 21 Q—Kt 6, P×P; 22 P×P, Kt—B 3, but this does not turn out well against 23 Castles. 20.., P—B 4 limits for a time the number of White's passed Pawns, but is a very difficult variation to play after 21 Q×Q P, Kt—B 4; 22 Q—B 6, K—R 2; 23 R—Kt 3, R—K Kt 1.

21 Q—K 2

21 Kt—B 1

.....A bolder course is now called for. 21.., P×P; 22 Q—R 5 ch, K—Kt 2; 23 R—Kt 3 ch, K—B 1; 24 Q—R 6 ch, K—B 2; 25 Q—R 7 ch, K—K 3, and White has effected nothing; he would probably therefore play 22 P×P or P—B 5, whereupon 22.., Kt—B 1 is good enough.

22 Castles

22 P—B 3

23 P—K 4

23 P—Q 5

.....23.., B P×P results in much less crowding of his King's position.

24 P×P

24 B×P

25 P—K 5

25 B—Kt 2

26 Kt—K 4

26 Q—K 1

27 Kt—Kt 5

27 P—B 4

.....There is no time for this. 27.., B—R 3 with 28.., R—Kt 2 to follow, would still give him breathing space.

28 Q—K 4

28 P—K 6 is stronger; for if 28.., Q—Kt 3; 29 P—R 5, Q—B 4; 30 P—K Kt 4, and wins. If 28.., P—Q 6; 29 Q—B 3, B—R 3; 30 Kt—B 7 ch, K—Kt 2; 31 Q—Kt 4 ch, K—R 2; 32 Q—B 5 ch, Kt—Kt 3; 33 P—R 5 and wins.

29 P—K 6

28 R—B 1

30 Q—B 5

29 R—B 2

30 Q—Q 5 would leave Black without adequate resource against 31 Kt—B 7 ch. If 30.., Q—Kt 3; 31 P—R 5 wins. If 30.., B—R 3; 31 Kt—B 7 ch, K—R 2; 32 Q—B 5 ch, Kt—Kt 3; 33 P—R 5 wins.

31 Q—Q 5

32 P—B 5

30 Q—Kt 3

31 Q—B 3

White should still have proceeded with his original idea, to gain time. 32 Kt—B 7 ch, K—R 2; 33 Q—K 4 ch, Q—Kt 3 (Kt—Kt 3; 34 P—K Kt 3, P—Q 6; 35 R—R 2, Q—Q 5; 36 Q—B 5 and wins); 34 P—B 5, Q—B 3; 35 P—K Kt 4, P—Q 6; 36 R—Q 2, and White's Pawn advance cannot be resisted.

33 R—Q 2

32 P—Q 6

34 Kt—B 7 ch

33 P—B 5

35 Kt—Kt 5 ch

34 K—R 2

36 Kt—K 4

35 K—R 1

37 Q—Kt 5

36 Q—K 2

Perhaps White was short of time here. 37 P—K Kt 4 is still the right line. The threat of ... P—B 6 has not sufficient force behind it to be necessary to guard further.

38 Q—K 5 ch

37 B—R 3

39 P—B 6

38 Q—Kt 2

40 Kt×B

39 B×R ch

41 P—B 7 ch

40 Q×Kt P

41 R—Kt 2

.....Not 41.., Q—Kt 2 because then 42 R—Kt 3 wins.

42 R—B 3

42 R—K 2

43 Q—R 5 ch

Even now White need hardly be content with an immediate draw; he can try 43 Q—Kt 8; then 43.., Q—R 8 ch; 44 R—B 1, R—Kt 8 is of no use because of 45 Q×Kt ch, K—R 2; 46 Q—R 8 ch, K×Q; 47 P Queens ch, K—R 2; 48 Q×R ch, K—R 1; 49 Q—B 6 ch and wins. Therefore 43.., R×P; 44 Q×Kt ch, K—R 2; 45 R—B 1 (not 45 Q×R ch, Q×Q; 46 P Queens, Q×R; 47 R×Q, R—K 8 mate); now Black can ensure a draw by 45.., Q×R ch; 46 Kt×Q, R—K 8 ch; 47 K—Q 2, R×Kt; but if he try to win he may still come to

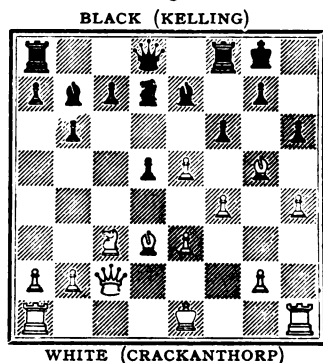
grief; *e.g.*, 45... R-K 7; 46 Q-B 8, R×Kt; 47 Q-B 5 ch, K-R 3; 48 Q-B 6 ch, K moves; 49 P Queens and wins. If 45... Q-Kt 3; 46 Kt-B 3!, Q-Kt 7; 47 Kt-Q 2 and draws.

44 Q-K 5 ch 43 R-R 2
45 Q-R 5 ch 44 R-Kt 2

Drawn

A very lively game, for drawing which Mr. Kelling was awarded the prize for the "best recovery."

Position after 13... P-K B 3.



GAME No. 5,263.

Played in a match at The Hague. Notes by J. H. Blake.

Giuoco Piano.

| WHITE | BLACK |
|-------------|-------------------|
| R. J. LOMAN | A. E. VAN FOREEST |
| 1 P-K 4 | 1 P-K 4 |
| 2 Kt-K B 3 | 2 Kt-Q B 3 |
| 3 B-B 4 | 3 B-B 4 |
| 4 P-B 3 | 4 Kt-B 3 |
| 5 P-Q 4 | 5 P×P |
| 6 P×P | 6 B-Kt 5 ch |
| 7 Kt-B 3 | 7 Kt×K P |
| 8 Castles | 8 B×Kt |

..... Viennese experts are said to be returning here to the continuation supposed to have been demolished by Greco three hundred years ago, *viz.*, 8... Kt×Kt; 9 P×Kt, B×P; 10 Q-Kt 3; but Greco dealt only with 10... B×R and 10... B×P; the new line is 10... P-Q 4; 11 B×P, Castles!, with advantage to Black.

9 P-Q 5 9 B-B 3

..... The defence by 9... Kt-K 4 leads to equality; 10 P×B, Kt×B; 11 Q-Q 4, Q Kt-Q 3; 12 Q×Kt P, Q-B 3; 13 Q×Q, Kt×Q; 14 R-K 1 ch, K Kt-K 5 (moving the King is inferior); 15 Kt-K 5, P-K B 4; 16 P-B 3, P-KR 3; 17 Kt-R 3, K-B 2; 18 P×Kt, Kt×P, etc.

10 R-K 1 10 Castles

..... 10... Kt-K 2 is generally preferred.

11 R×Kt 11 Kt-R 4
12 B-Q 3 12 P-Q 3
13 R-Q R 4 |

13 B-Q 2 to ensure the doubling of the Black Queen's Rook's Pawn is not advantageous, *e.g.*, 13 B-Q 2, P-Q Kt 3; 14 B×Kt, P×B; 15 R-K 2, R-Kt 1; 16 R-Kt 1, B-Kt 5, etc.

13 P-Q Kt 3
14 P-R 4 14 P-B 4

..... White's last foreshadows adventurous strategy. It might be prudent to forestall this by 14... P-Kt 3, as White's Queen's Pawn is weak and Black would then have a considerable share in shaping the future of the game. Black decides, however, to let White have his fling, and the text move is partly to prevent White playing Q-Q 4 ch at his 20th move.

15 P×P *e.p.* 15 Kt×P
16 B×P ch? 16 K×B
17 Kt-Kt 5 ch

Not 17 Q-B 2 ch, K-Kt 1
18 Q×Kt, B-Q 2.

17 B×Kt

.....But why Black did not now play 17... K—Kt 1 is not easy to discover. If 18 Q—R 5, B—B 4. If 18 Q—B 2, B×Kt (or even ... P—Kt 3; 19 Q×Kt, B—Q 2); 19 P×B, Kt—K 2; 20 R—R 4, B—B 4!

18 P×B 18 P—Kt 3

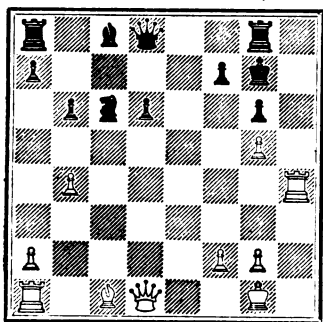
19 R—R 4 ch 19 K—Kt 2

20 P—Q Kt 4! 20 R—K Kt 1

.....This appears to maintain his piece for a time; but whether it was worth keeping at the cost of dividing his forces and putting a Rook permanently out of play is another question. 20... P—B 3 is not satisfactory on account of the reply 21 Q—Q 5; but after 20... Kt—K 4; 21 P—B 4, P—B 3! White has nothing better than 22 P×Kt, B P×P, when Black's chances are excellent.

Position after 20... R—K Kt 7.

BLACK (V. FOREEST)



WHITE (LOMAN)

21 B—Kt 2 ch

Here White had a strong alternative line in 21 Q—Q 5, B—Kt 2; 22 P—Kt 5, Kt—R 4; 23 Q—Q 4 ch, K—B 1; 24 B—R 3, B—B 1; 25 B×P ch, K—K 1; 26 R—Q B 1!, and Black has no satisfactory reply, for if 26... Kt—Kt 2; 27 Q—K 4 ch wins a piece, and if 26... B—K 3; 27 R—B 7, Kt—B 5 or R—Q B 1; 28 R—R 8 wins.

21 K—B 1

22 Q—Q 5 22 B—Kt 2

23 R—K 1 23 R—Kt 1

24 R—R 7 24 Kt—K 4

25 Q—Q 4

26 Q—R 4

25 R—B 1

"Better than 26 P—B 4," says Mr. Loman, without giving reasons; the dictum is at least open to question. Suppose 26 P—B 4, Kt—B 3; 27 Q—R 8!, Kt—K 4; 28 P×Kt!, R×Q; 29 R×R ch, K—K 2; 30 P×P ch, K—Q 2; 31 R×Q ch, R×R K—Q 2; 31 R×Q ch, R×R (K×R; 32 B—B 6 ch and wins); 32 R—K 7 ch, K—B 1; 33 R—B 7 ch, K—Kt 1; 34 B—K 5 and wins. If 26... Kt—B 5; 27 B—B 3 and 28 R—R 8. If 26... R—B 5; 27 Q—Q 2, Kt—B 3; 28 P—B 5 and White's attack is overpowering.

26 B—Q 4

.....To provide an escape for the King in case of 27 B×Kt, P×B; 28 R×P, B—K 3.

27 R—Q 1

28 R×B

27 R—B 7

Here Mr. Loman notes that 28 B×Kt, P×B; 29 Q—K 4 would have been fatal to White by the reply 29... R—B 8!

28 R×B

29 Q—Q 4

Not 29 P—B 4 because of 29... Q—R 1.

29 R—Kt 8 ch

30 K—R 2 30 Q×P

.....30... Kt—B 3 is not quite good enough; 31 R×Q P, Q—Kt 1; 32 Q—K B 4, R—Kt 2; 33 R×R, K×R; 34 Q—B 6 ch, K—Kt 1; 35 P—Kt 3, and wins the Knight.

31 P—B 4

32 K—Kt 3

33 K×Kt

34 R×Q

35 R×Q P

36 K—B 3

37 R—Q B 6

38 R—B 7 ch

39 K R×P

40 P—Kt 5

31 Kt—Kt 5 ch

32 Q—B 3

33 Q×Q

34 R—Kt 7

35 R×P ch

36 K—K 2

37 R×P

38 K—Q 3

39 P—R 4

Drawn

As Mr. Loman remarks, "A very lively draw."

GAME No. 5,264.

First game in the match referred to on page 244. Notes by J. H. Blake.

Queen's Pawn Opening.

WHITE BLACK
Dr. S. F. SMITH M. ROMIH

I P—Q 4

In annotating this game for *La Stratégie*, M. Goetz apologises to the readers of that journal for Dr. Smith's choice of openings. We learn that for more than twenty years past English players have outstripped the fashion in their devotion to the Queen's side openings, and (still worse!) that they carry hardly any theoretic baggage as regards the "open game." In support of the latter assertion the only example quoted is that in the last Christmas tournament at Hastings a British Championship competitor fell into "Tarrasch's trap," dating (so says M. Goetz) from 1892 (see p. 36, *B.C.M.*, February last). The proverb that "one swallow does not make a summer" is reputed to be over two thousand years old, and to be current in one form or another throughout Europe; is it possible that M. Goetz is not acquainted with it? Moreover, the allusion to "Tarrasch's trap" falls a little short of that accuracy of Chess erudition which helps to make *Un Cours d'Echecs* so delightful a book to peruse; that designation is correctly applied only to that Ruy Lopez pitfall which was exemplified in the games Tarrasch v. Zukertort, Frankfurt, 1887, and Tarrasch v. Gunsberg, Manchester, 1890 (*B.C.M.*, 1890, p. 365).

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|------------|------------|
| | I P—Q 4 |
| 2 Kt—K B 3 | 2 Kt—K B 3 |
| 3 B—B 4 | 3 B—B 4 |
| 4 P—B 4 | 4 P—B 3 |
| 5 Kt—B 3 | 5 P×P |
| 6 P—K 3 | 6 P—Q Kt 4 |

.....Black could now play 6..., Kt—Q 4; 7 B×P, Kt×B; 8 P×Kt, P—K 3. It is true that this method is held to have been

demolished by the game Tarrasch v. Maroczy, Buda Pesth, 1896; but there is a very important difference in the fact that on that occasion Black's Queen's Bishop was shut in; the presence of that piece at K B 4 prevents the attack by Kt—K 5 (now answerable by ... P—B 3) and P—B 5 which White used effectively in the game quoted. The actual play may be usefully compared with game no. 4,996, *B.C.M.*, 1922; it will be seen that it is a disadvantage to Black to have his Bishop developed at K B 4 in connection with the line of defence chosen.

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|------------|-------------|
| 7 P—Q R 4 | 7 P—Kt 5 |
| 8 Kt—R 2 | 8 P—K 3 |
| 9 B×P | 9 B—K 2 |
| 10 Kt—B 1 | 10 P—Q R 4 |
| 11 Kt—Kt 3 | 11 Q Kt—Q 2 |
| 12 R—Q B 1 | 12 Q—Kt 3 |
| 13 Castles | 13 Castles |
| 14 Kt—K 5 | 14 Kt×Kt |

.....If 14..., P—B 4; 15 B—Q Kt 5!

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| 15 B×Kt | 15 Kt—Q 2 |
| 16 B—Kt 3 | 16 Q R—B 1 |
| 17 Q—K 2 | 17 Kt—B 3 |

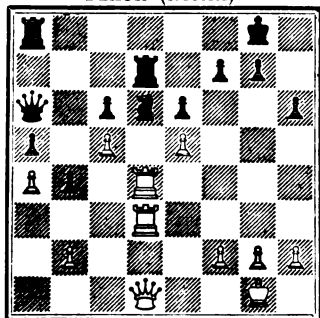
.....Here, unfortunately, Black loses patience, and gives up the effort to get in ... P—Q B 4. 17..., B—K 5 and 18..., B—Q 4 would sensibly relieve the pressure.

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| 18 Kt—B 5! | 18 B×Kt |
| 19 P×B | 19 Q—R 2 |
| 20 K R—Q 1 | 20 K R—Q 1 |
| 21 B—Q 6 | 21 P—K R 3 |
| 22 B—R 6 | 22 R—R 1 |
| 23 B—Q 3 | 23 B—K 5 |
| 24 R—B 4 | 24 B×B |
| 25 R×B | 25 Q—R 3 |
| 26 Q R—Q 4 | 26 Kt—K 1 |
| 27 Q—Q 1 | 27 R—Q 2 |
| 28 P—K 4 | 28 Kt×B |

29 P-K 5

Position after 29 P-K 5.

BLACK (ROMIH)



WHITE (SMITH)

29 Kt-B 5

....."Instead of becoming
famished and dying a slow but

certain death, Black makes a
combination which costs the
Exchange, but requires a correct
defence on the part of White,"
says M. Goetz.

30 R×R 30 Kt×Kt P
31 R-Q 8 ch 31 K-R 2
32 R×R 32 Q×R (R 1)

.....32... Q×K R (at Q 6)
was certainly better.

33 R-Q 8 33 Kt×Q
34 R×Q 34 Kt-B 6
35 R-R 6 35 Kt×R P
36 R×R P 36 Kt-B 6
37 R-R 6 37 P-Kt 6
38 R×P 38 P-Kt 7
39 R-Kt 6 39 P-Kt 8(Q) ch.
40 R×Q 40 Resigns

Three games from the New York International Tournament.
Notes by J. H. Blake.

GAME No. 5,265.

Played in the fifteenth round.

Irregular Opening.

WHITE

R. RÉTI

BLACK

F. J. MARSHALL

1 Kt-K B 3 1 Kt-K B 3
2 P-B 4 2 P-Q 4
3 P×P 3 Kt×P

.....3... Q×P; 4 Kt-B 3,
Q-R 4 would give a type of game
analogous to the Centre Counter
Opening, but more in Black's
favour.

4 P-Q 4

4 P-K 4, Kt-K B 3; 5 Kt-
B 3, P-B 4; 6 P-Q 4 would be
analogous to the Sicilian, but with
White ahead in development.
Black's next move prevents his
Knight being turned out, showing
that 4 P-Q 4 is not good.

5 Kt-B 3 4 B-B 4 !
6 Q-Kt 3 5 P-K 3
7 P-K 4 6 Kt-Q B 3

To capture the Pawn now would
be too hazardous: 7 Q×P, K Kt
-Kt 5; 8 Q-Kt 5 (forced, or
8... R-Q Kt 1 would win the
Queen), R-Q Kt 1; 9 Q-R 4,
Kt-B 7 ch; 10 K-Q 1, Kt×
P! and White has a bad game.
But the text-move only results
in the Black Knight becoming
more impregnably entrenched; a
quieter developing line was there-
fore called for; 7 P-K 3, for
instance, would render the Black
Queen's Knight's Pawn captur-
able.

7 Kt×Kt
8 P×B 8 Kt-Q 4
9 B-Q Kt 5

In this position 9 Q×Kt P was
playable, thus: 9 Q×Kt P,
Q Kt-Kt 5 (... K Kt-Kt 5;
10 B-Q Kt 5!); 10 B-Kt 5 ch,
K-K 2; 11 Kt-K 5! Whereas
the text-move loses a Pawn to no
purpose.

- 9 B—Kt 5 ch
 10 B—Q 2
 11 Kt×B
 12 B×Kt ch
 13 Castles K R
 14 Q—R 4

Not a happy idea; the attack upon the doubled Pawn could be better left to the Queen's Rook later. 14 Kt—B 3 to keep out the Black Queen from K Kt 4, or 14 Kt—B 4, if R—Kt 1, 15 Q—K B 3 would be sounder play.

- 15 Kt—Kt 3
 16 Q×R P
 17 Q—R 5
 18 P×P
 19 P—Kt 3
 20 Q×P

20 Q—Q 2 not only attacks the Black Knight, but limits its range, and admits of a defence of the King's Rook's Pawn by P—B 3—all reasons for preferring it to this rash capture.

- 21 K—Kt 2
 22 R—R 1
 23 P—B 3
 24 K—B 2

(See diagram)

24 R—B 1

.....Here Black falters; the right course was 24... Kt×P; 25 P×Kt (25 Q×P, Kt×R ch; 26 R×Kt, R—K 1), Q×P ch; 26 K—K 2, R—K 1 ch; 27 K—Q 3, Q×P ch; 28 K—B 4, R×R; 29 R×R, Q×R, and should win.

25 Q—R 5

For now White could have retrieved the situation completely by 25 Q R—Q 1, compelling 25... P—Kt 3; 26 R—Q 8 ch, R×R; 27 Q×R ch, K—Kt 2; 28 K×Kt, Q—Kt 7 ch; 29 K—Q 3, Q×R; 30 Q—Q 4 ch and draws,

25 Kt×P

26 K R—K Kt 1

The capture of the Knight leads to a win for Black by a similar process to that already given.

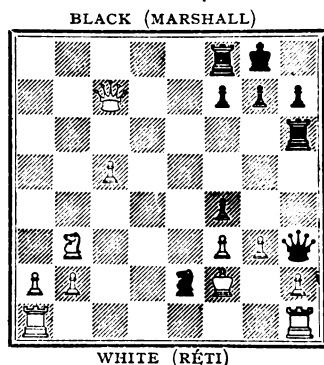
- 27 R—Kt 2
 28 R—Q B 1

If 28 R—K 1, Kt—B 4 ch is good enough.

- 29 Q—Kt 5
 30 K—B 1
 31 Resigns

For if 31 R—Kt 1, Q×P ch, and mate is forced.

Position after 24 K—B 2.



GAME No. 5,266.

Played in the sixteenth round.

Irregular Opening.

- | WHITE | BLACK | | |
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| R. RÉTI | Dr. E. LASKER | | |
| 1 Kt—K B 3 | 1 P—Q 4 | 5 B—K Kt 2 | 5 Q Kt—Q 2 |
| 2 P—B 4 | 2 P—Q B 3 | 6 B—Kt 2 | 6 P—K 3 |
| 3 P—Q Kt 3 | 3 B—B 4 | 7 Castles | 7 B—Q 3 |
| 4 P—K Kt 3 | 4 Kt—B 3 | 8 P—Q 3 | 8 Castles |
| | | 9 Q Kt—Q 2 | 9 P—K 4 |

.....A direct challenge to the new theory; see Game No. 5,249, July.

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| 10 P×P | 10 P×P |
| 11 R—B 1 | 11 Q—K 2 |
| 12 R—B 2 | |

Partly in order to avoid an exchange of Bishops in case of ... B—Q R 6.

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| | 12 P—Q R 4 |
| 13 P—Q R 4 | |

Practically forced, but it leaves a grievous weakness behind. A comparison should be made with Game No. 5,249, Réti v. Alekhine, where the roles were inverted. In that game Reti opened in accordance with the principles of an older school, and upon "hyper-modern" methods being tried against him he immediately detected the weak spot; yet three rounds later he is betrayed into creating a precisely similar weakness in his own game when playing against the methods he then adopted!

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| | 13 P—K R 3 |
| 14 Q—R 1 | 14 K R—K 1 |
| 15 K R—B 1 | 15 B—R 2 |

.....He wants, after ..., P—K 5 to be able to continue immediately with ..., P—K 6, disregarding Kt—Q 4.

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| 16 Kt—B 1 | 16 Kt—B 4 |
| 17 R×Kt | |

To defend the attacked Pawn would leave Black a choice between ..., R—R 3 followed by ..., R—Kt 3, and ..., Kt—R 3 followed by ..., Kt—Kt 5. He resolves, therefore, to give up the Exchange for a Pawn and attack.

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| | 17 B×R |
| 18 Kt×P | 18 Q R—B 1 |
| 19 Kt—K 3 | 19 Q—K 3 |
| 20 P—K R 3 | 20 B—Q 3 |
| 21 R×R | 21 R×K |
| 22 Kt—B 3 | |

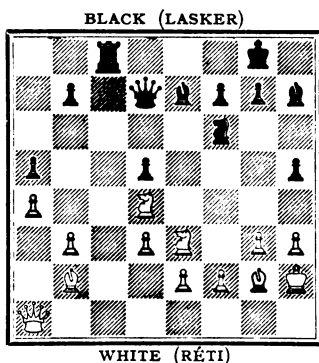
22 Kt—Kt 4 appears on the surface a very promising move, and certainly wins a Pawn, probably the Queen's Pawn; why then does Réti reject it? The long view was necessary here;

Black would reply 22... B—K 2, and after the consequent series of exchanges would check with Rook at B 8, and play ..., P—Q Kt 3; the White Bishop is then a fixture, to defend the Queen's Knight's Pawn, and Black has no difficulty in forcing an exchange of Bishops, either by ..., B—B 4 and ..., B—K 3, or (in case White play P—K 4) by ..., P—B 4, ..., K—Kt 2, ..., P—B 3 and ..., B—Kt 1; after the exchange the advantage of Rook against Knight would be decisive.

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| | 22 B—K 2 |
| 23 Kt—Q 4 | 23 Q—Q 2 |
| 24 K—R 2 | 24 P—R 4! |

.....Black could maintain his Pawns by 24... P—Q Kt 3; 25 Q—R 1, R—Q 1. That he does not do so is again due to far-sighted strategy; the effect of his 28th move has already been foreseen.

Position after 24 P—R 4.



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| 25 Q—R 1 | 25 P—R 5 |
| 26 Kt×P | 26 P×P ch |
| 27 P×P | 27 Kt×Kt |
| 28 B×Kt | 28 B—B 3! |
| 29 B×Kt P | 29 R—B 4 |
| 30 B—R 6 | |

The only way to cover the Knight, for if 30 P—K 3, B×Kt; 31 B×B, R—B 7 ch; 32 K—Kt 1, R—B 8 ch, etc.

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| | 30 B—Kt 3 |
| 31 Q—Kt 7 | 31 Q—Q 1 |

32 P—Q Kt 4

If 32 P—K 3 still ..., B×Kt;
followed by ..., R—B 7 ch, and
..., Q—Q 3.

33 Q—Kt 6

34 Q×Q ch

35 P—K 3

Now if 35 Kt—B 6, R—Q 3;
36 B×B, R×Kt wins a piece.

36 K—Kt 2

A weak move; 36 B—B 4 was
necessary to provide against
Black's next.

37 P×B

35 P×P

36 B×Kt

For if 37 B×B then R×B!
and the Black Pawn cannot be
stopped.

38 B—Kt 7

39 K—B 3

40 B—B 6

41 B—Kt 5

42 K—K 3

43 K—B 4

37 B—B 4

38 B—K 3

39 B—Kt 6

40 R—Q 3

41 R—B 3 ch

42 R—K 3 ch

Not 43 K—Q 3 because the
White King's side Pawns are then
defenceless.

44 B—B 1

45 B—K 3

46 Resigns

43 R—K 7

44 R—Q B 7

45 B—Q 4

Because Black's passed Pawn
now gets through.

GAME No. 5,267.

Played in the twenty-first round.

Irregular Opening.

WHITE
Dr. S. TARTAKOVER

1 P—Q B 4

2 P—Q R 3

3 P—K 3

4 Q—B 2

BLACK
Dr. E. LASKER

1 P—K 4

2 Kt—K B 3

3 B—K 2

4 Castles

5 Kt—Q B 3

.....But Black declines to
oblige with White's customary
line against the Sicilian, viz., ...,
P—Q 4.

6 Kt—K B 3

7 B—K 2

8 Castles

9 P—Q 4

10 P—Q 5

6 R—K 1

7 B—B 1

8 Kt—B 3

9 B—Kt 5

Questionable. 10 P—Q Kt 3,
intending B—Kt 2 to follow as
soon as possible would give him a
sound game. If he does not wish
for exchanges he could play
10 R—Q 1 first.

11 P—K R 3

12 Kt—R 2

10 Kt—K 2

11 B—Q 2

In an article on the opening
and groundwork of the game as
illustrated by recent tournament
practice, furnished by Niemzo-
witsch to *Kagan's Neueste Schach-
nachrichten*, the opinion is
expressed that White here com-
mits a strategic error, and mis-
conceives his true line of operations
which should be by P—K 4, P—
Q Kt 4, B—K 3, P—B 5, R—
Q B 1 and doubling Rooks on the
Queen's Bishop's file, with the
view of forcing a Rook down to
Q B 7.

12 Q—B 1

.....Preventing the White
Knight from coming out at
K Kt 4.

13 P—K 4

14 P—B 4

13 Kt—Kt 3

Although this gives White an
open King's Bishop's file bearing
upon a weakly defended Black
Pawn, the balance of reasons was
much against it. Black is left

with his two Bishops, a ready means of attacking White's weak King's Pawn, and a most useful centre square at K 4 from which a Black piece cannot be turned out by any White Pawn. All of which tells in favour of the view expressed by Niemzowitsch.

- 14 P×P
15 Kt×B
16 R×Kt 16 B—K 2
17 Q R—K B 1 17 R—K B 1
18 Q—Q 3

A plausible manoeuvre, but largely the cause of his difficulties presently. 18 Kt—Kt 4 has now become feasible; Black cannot reply .., Kt—R 4 on account of Kt—R 6 ch.

- 18 B—K 1
19 Q—Kt 3 19 Q—Q 1
20 Kt—Q 1

Still it is not too late for 20 Kt—Kt 4. 20... Kt—Q 2 would not be a good reply on account of 21 Kt—R 6 ch, K—R 1; 22 Kt—B 5; Black would therefore exchange Knights, and White must retake with Bishop.

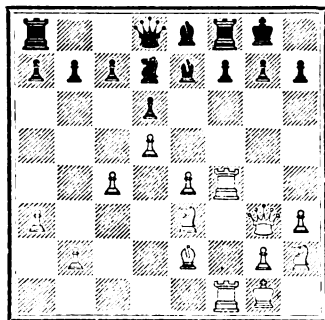
20 Kt—Q 2

- 21 Kt—K 3

Now 21 Kt—B 3 is urgently called for; White does not realize his danger.

Position after 21 Kt—K 3.

BLACK (LASKER)



WHITE (TARTAKOVER)

- 22 R—Kt 4 22 B—Kt 4
22 P—K B 3!

- 23 Q—B 2 23 P—K R 4
24 R—Kt 3 24 P—R 5
.....Not 24... B—R 5
because of 25 R×P ch, K×R;
26 Kt—B 5 ch, K—R 1; 27 Q×
B, with a good attack.

- 25 R—Kt 4

25 R—B 3 is no better. White keeps open the forlorn hope of 25... Kt—K 4, admitting of the reply 26 R×B.

- 25 B—R 4
26 Kt—B 5 26 B×R
27 Kt×B 27 Q—K 1
28 B—B 3 28 Kt—K 4
29 Kt×Kt 29 Q×Kt
30 Kt×R P 30 B×Kt
31 Q×B 31 P—B 4

.....Far superior to .., Q×
Kt P, which would admit of
32 B—Kt 4!

- 32 P×P 32 R×P
33 R—K 1 33 Q×Kt P
34 B—Kt 4 34 Q—Q 5 ch
35 K—R 2 35 Q R—K B 1
36 Q—K 7 36 Q—B 5 ch
37 K—R 1 37 R—K 4
38 R×R 38 P×R
39 Q×B P 39 P—K 5
40 Q—K 7

He cannot take the Queen's Knight's Pawn on account of the reply .., R—Kt 1, so he renews the threat of Q—R 4 and B—K 6 ch.

- 40 Q—B 3
41 Q×Kt P

Capturing the King's Pawn would allow Black to force exchange of Queens, with an easily won ending.

- 41 Q—R 8 ch
42 K—R 2 42 Q—K 4 ch
43 K—Kt 1 43 R—Kt 1
44 Q—Q 7 44 R—Kt 8 ch
45 K—B 2 45 P—K 6 ch
46 K—K 2 46 R—Kt 7 ch
47 K—K 1 47 Q—B 6 ch
48 K—B 1 48 Q—B 8 ch
49 Resigns

GAME No. 5,268.

A game played in a club tournament at Los Angeles. Notes by Philip W. Sergeant.

Philidor's Defence.

| WHITE | BLACK |
|--------------------|---------------|
| G. S. G. PATTERSON | S. MŁOTKOWSKI |
| 1 P—K 4 | 1 P—K 4 |
| 2 Kt—K B 3 | 2 P—Q 3 |
| 3 P—Q 4 | 3 P—K B 4 |

.....Philidor's Counter-Gambit, which Steinitz declared "totally unsound."

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| 4 Q P×P | 4 B P×P |
| 5 Kt—Kt 5 | 5 P—Q 4 |
| 6 P—K 6 | |

Though Steinitz preferred 6 Kt—Q B 3, after B—Q Kt 5; 7 P—K 6, P—Q 5; 8 Kt—B 7, Q—B 3; 9 P—Q R 3, Q B×P; 10 Kt×R, P×Kt; 11 P×B, P×P; 12 B×P, Q×B, the game is in Black's favour.

6 B—B 4

.....This was Morphy's innovation in a casual game against Barnes in 1858 (p. 244 in my *Morphy's Games*). Mr. Mlotkowski, who had been analysing that game, here tries the move for the first time in actual practice. Kt—K R 3 is safer.

7 Kt—B 7

The *Lärobok* gives 7 Kt—Q B 3!; 8 Kt—B 7, Q—Kt 3; 9 Q—Q 2, Q B×P; 10 Kt×R, with material advantage to White.

8 Q—K 2?

7 Q—B 3

Barnes played 8 B—K 3, to which Morphy replied P—Q 5. 8.., Q B×P, however, has the

commendation of the *Lärobok*. The text-move is bad. The player of White had not before met this variation (6.., B—B 4). His opponent says that he probably intended to follow with P—Q B 3 and B—K 3. But see next note.

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| 9 Kt×R | 8 Q B×P |
| 10 P—Q B 3 | 9 Kt—B 3 |
| 11 P—Q Kt 4? | 10 Castles |

If 11 B—K 3, P—Q 5, and Black's attack is overwhelming. The text-move is equally ruinous. 11 Kt—Q 2 would at least hold up the Pawn-advance; but P—K R 4 (and if P—K R 3, 12 P—R 5) is probably the best line—a suggestion which I owe to Mr. Amos Burn.

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| 12 B—R 3 | 11 Kt×P |
| 13 K—Q 2 | 12 Kt—Q 6 ch |
| 14 P—Kt 3 | 13 B×P |
| 15 B—K Kt 2 | 14 Kt—R 3 |
| 16 Q—B 1 | 15 B—Kt 5 |
| 17 K—B 2 | 16 Q—Kt 4 ch |
| 18 K—Kt 3 | 17 Kt—K 8 ch |

K—Kt 2 was better; but White's game cannot be saved.

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| 19 K—Kt 4 | 18 B—Q 8 ch |
| 20 K—Kt 5 | 19 Kt—Q 6 ch |
| 21 K—R 5 | 20 P—R 3 ch |
| | 21 P—Q 5 dis ch |

.....White resigned, being only able to avert mate for one move.

A few examples of Alekhine's blindfold play.

GAME No. 5,269.—One of forty simultaneous games, of which two were blindfold, at Denver. *Queen's Gambit Declined*. White: A. ALEKHINE. Black: A. ANENIA.

1 P—Q 4, P—Q 4; 2 Kt—K B 3, Kt—K B 3; 3 P—B 4, P—K 3; 4 Kt—B 3, Kt—B 3; 5 P—K 3, B—K 2; 6 B—Q 3, P×P; 7 B×B P, Castles; 8 Castles, P—Q R 3; 9 Q—K 2, Kt—R 2; 10 P—Q R 4, P—B 4; 11 P×P, B×P; 12 P—K 4, Q—B 2;

13 B—K Kt 5, Kt—Q 2; 14 Q R—B 1, Kt—K 4; 15 Kt×Kt Q×Kt; 16 B—K 3, Kt—B 3; 17 P—B 4, B×B ch; 18 Q×B, Q—B 2; 19 P—K 5, Kt—K 2; 20 Kt—K 4, Kt—B 4; 21 Q—B 2, Q—R 4; 22 P—K Kt 4, Kt—K 2; 23 B—Kt 3, B—Q 2; 24 Kt—B 5, B—B 3; 25 P—B 5, Q R—Q 1; 26 P×P, R—Q 7. White announced mate in five moves by 27 Q×P ch, etc.

GAME No. 5,270.—One of the thirty-seven simultaneous games, of which two were blindfold, at St. Louis. *Vienna Opening*. White: A. ALEKHINE; Black, J. Y. DOWNMAN.

1 P—K 4, P—K 4; 2 Kt—Q B 3, B—Kt 5; 3 B—B 4, P—Q 3; 4 P—B 4, Kt—Q B 3; 5 Kt—B 3, B—Kt 5; 6 Castles, Kt—B 3; 7 P—Q 3, Castles; 8 P—K R 3, B×K Kt; 9 Q×B, Kt—Q 5; 10 Q—Q 1, B—B 4; 11 K—R 1, P×P; 12 B×P, Q—Q 2; 13 B—K Kt 5, Kt—K 1; 14 Kt—Q 5, Kt—Q B 3; 15 Q—R 5, K—R 1; 16 R—B 6, B—Q 5; 17 Q R—B 1, B×R; 18 R×B, Kt—K 4; 19 R—R 6, P×R; 20 B—B 6 ch, Kt×B; 21 Kt×Kt, Q—K 2; 22 Q×R P, Q×Kt; 23 Q×Q ch, K—Kt 1; 24 B—Kt 3, Q R—K 1; 25 P—K R 4, Kt—Q 2; 26 Q—B 5, Kt—B 4; 27 P—R 5, Kt×B. White announced mate in four moves.

The next four games are all taken from the exhibition of twenty-six blindfold games at the Hotel Alamac, N.Y. (see page 279).

GAME No. 5,271.—*Sicilian Defence*. White: A. ALEKHINE. Black: M. PINKUS.

1 P—K 4, P—Q B 4; 2 Kt—K B 3, Kt—Q B 3; 3 P—Q 4, P×P; 4 Kt×P, Kt—B 3; 5 Kt—Q B 3, P—Q 3; 6 B—K 2, P—K Kt 3; 7 Castles, B—Kt 2; 8 B—K 3, Castles; 9 Kt—Kt 3, B—Q 2; 10 P—B 4, R—B 1; 11 B—B 3, R—K 1; 12 Q—2, Kt—K Kt 5; 13 B×Kt, B×B; 14 P—B 5, P×P; 15 B—R 6, P—K 3; 16 B×B K×B; 17 P—K R 3, B—R 4; 18 P×P, P×P; 19 Kt—Q 5, R—K 7; 20 Q—B 4, B—Kt 3; 21 Kt—Q 4, Kt×Kt; 22 Q×Kt ch, R—K 4; 23 P—B 4, Q—B 1; 24 P—Q Kt 3, P—Kt 3; 25 Q R—Q 1, R—Q 1; 26 K R—K 1, P—B 3; 27 Kt—B 4, Q—K 2; 28 R—K B 1, R—K 5; 29 Q—B 3, Q—K 4; 30 Q—B 1, K—B 2; 31 P—K R 4, Q—B 4 ch; 32 K—R 1, B—R 4; 33 R—Q 5, Q—B 1; 34 Kt—R 3, B—Kt 3; 35 P—R 5, B×P; 36 Q R×B P, B—Kt 3; 37 R×P ch, K—Kt 2; 38 Q—B 3, K—Kt 1; 39 Q—Kt 3, R—Kt 5; 40 Q—B 2, B—K 5; 41 Kt—B 4, Q—Kt 2; 42 Kt—K 6, B×P ch; 43 K—R 2, Resigns.

GAME No. 5,272.—*Three Knights' Game (in effect)*. White: A. ALEKHINE. Black: A. BERMAN.

1 P—K 4, P—K 4; 2 Kt—Q B 3, B—B 4; 3 Kt—B 3, Kt—Q B 3; 4 Kt×P, B×P ch; 5 K×B, Kt×Kt; 6 P—Q 4, Kt—Kt 3; 7 B—Q B 4, P—Q 3; 8 R—B 1, B—K 3; 9 B—Q 3, Q—B 3 ch; 10 K—Kt 1, Q×P ch; 11 K—R 1, P—Q B 3; 12 Q—K 2, Kt—B 3; 13 B—K 3, Q—K 4; 14 P—K R 3, P—K R 4; 15 B—Kt 1, K—K 2; 16 B—R 2, Q—K Kt 4; 17 Q R—Q 1, Kt—K 4; 18 B—K B 4,

Q—Kt 3; 19 Q—K 1, Kt—K 1; 20 Kt—K 2, P—B 3; 21 Kt—Q 4, R—Q 1; 22 Q—Kt 4, R—Q 2; 23 B×Kt, P×B; 24 Kt—B 5 ch, B×Kt; 25 P×B, Q—B 3; 26 B—B 4, P—Q Kt 4; 27 B—K 6, R—Kt 2; 28 P—B 4, P—B 4; 29 Q—R 5, Kt—B 2; 30 R×P, Kt—R 1; 31 KR—Q 1, Kt—Kt 3; 32 Q×Kt P, R—B 2; 33 R—Q 7 ch, Kt×R; 34 R×Kt ch, R×R; 35 Q×R ch, K—B 1; 36 Q—B 8 ch, K—K 2; 37 Q×P ch, K—K 1; 38 Q—B 6 ch, K—B 1; 39 Q—B 8 ch, K—K 2; 40 Q×R, Q—Kt 4; 41 P—B 6 ch, Q×P; 42 Q×P, Q—B 8 ch; 43 K—R 2, Q—B 5 ch; 44 K—Kt 1, Q—Q B 8 ch; 45 K—B 2, Q×P ch; 46 K—Kt 3, Q—B 6 ch; 47 K—R 2, K×B; 48 Q—K 8 ch, K—B 3; 49 Q—B 8 ch, K—Kt 3; 50 P—B 5, P—K 5; 51 Q—K 8 ch, K—B 4; 52 Q—B 7 ch, K—Kt 4; 53 P—R 4 ch, K—Kt 5; 54 Q—Kt 6 ch, K—B 5; 55 Q—Kt 5 mate.

GAME NO. 5,273.—*Queen's Gambit Declined.* White: A. ALEKHINE. Black: M. MONSKY.

1 P—Q 4, P—Q 4; 2 P—Q B 4, P—K 3; 3 Kt—Q B 3, Kt—K B 3; 4 B—Kt 5, B—K 2; 5 P—K 3, Q Kt—Q 2; 6 Kt—B 3, Castles; 7 R—B 1, P—B 3; 8 B—Q 3, P—K R 3; 9 B—R 4, P×P; 10 B×P, Kt—Q 4; 11 B×B, Q×B; 12 Kt—K 4, K Kt—B 3; 13 Kt—Kt 3, P—K 4; 14 Castles, P×P; 15 P×P, Kt—Kt 3; 16 R—K 1, Q—Q 3; 17 B—Kt 3, B—Kt 5; 18 P—K R 3, B×Kt; 19 Q×B, Q Kt—Q 4; 20 R—K 5, Kt—Q 2; 21 R—K 2, Kt—B 5; 22 R—K 4, Kt—K Kt 3; 23 Kt—B 5, Q—B 3; 24 Q R—K 1, K—R 2; 25 P—K R 4, Kt—Kt 3; 26 P—R 5, Kt—R 1; 27 B—B 2, Kt—Q 4; 28 R—R 4, K—Kt 1; 29 R—Kt 4, P—K Kt 4; 30 P×P *etc.*, P×P; 31 Kt×P ch, K—Kt 2; 32 Kt—B 5 ch, K—R 2; 33 Q—R 3 ch, K—Kt 1; 34 Q—R 6, R—B 2; 35 R—K 5, R—R 2; 36 Q—Q 2, R—K B 1; 37 B—K 4, Kt—Q B 2; 38 Q—B 2, Kt—K 3; 39 Q—B 4, R—K 1; 40 Kt—Q 6, R (K 1)—K 2; 41 B—B 5, R (R 2)—B 2; 42 Kt×R R×Kt; 43 Q×Kt, Resigns.

GAME NO. 5,274.—*Centre Gambit.* White: A. ALEKHINE. Black: A. FRIEMAN.

1 P—K 4, P—K 4; 2 P—Q 4, P×P; 3 P Q B 3, P—Q 4; 4 K P×P, Q×P; 5 P×P, B—Kt 5 ch; 6 Kt—B 3, Kt—Q B 3; 7 Kt—B 3, Kt—B 3; 8 B—K 2, B×Kt ch, 9 P×B, Castles; 10 Castles, P—Q Kt 3; 11 P—B 4, Q—Q 1; 12 P—Q 5, Kt—K 2; 13 Kt—Q 4, B—Kt 2; 14 B—Kt 2, P—B 3; 15 B—K B 3, P×P; 16 R—K 1, R—K 1; 17 Q—Q 2, R—Kt 1; 18 Q—Kt 5, Kt—Kt 3; 19 Kt—B 5, R×R ch; 20 R×R, P×P; 21 B×B, R×B; 22 B×Kt, P×B. White announced mate in three moves.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS: Dr. A. Crook, Norwich.—Adverting to Game No. 5,239 (Bolland v. Duffield), we take note of your suggestion that White should have maintained an advantage by 14 P—K Kt 4, Q—Q 4 (best); 15 R×B. This move is contrary to sound principle, because the Rook is defended only by a Knight which can be attacked by a Pawn. For Black to play 15.., P×P,

releasing White (by 16 R×P) from the difficulty of his own making, would be very weak. Black's right course is either 15... Kt—Q 1; 16 Q—K 2; (or P—B 4), P—K R 3; 17 R—K 5, Q—Q 2; 18 Kt moves, P×P; or else 15... B—Q 3; 16 P—B 7 ch, K—B 1; 17 Q—K 2, Kt—K 4; 18 P—B 4, Kt×B P; practice is required to decide between them. The variation has attracted some attention on the Continent, but with the sounder continuation 14 P—K Kt 4, Q—Q 4; 15 Kt×B! Dr. Tartakover's new work, *Die Hypermoderne Schachpartie* continues 15... Q—Q 2; 16 Q—K 2, P—Q 6; 17 P×P, P×P; 18 Q—K 4, with advantage; but in a recent issue of *Kagan's Neueste Schachnachrichten* Rubinstein intervenes to say that not 15... Q—Q 2, but 15... R—B 1 is Black's right course, and secures him at least equality in all variations.

PROBLEM WORLD.

BY B. G. LAWS AND G. W. CHANDLER.

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PROBLEMS PICTORIAL.

See page 262.

The two problems by Frank E. Purchas have aroused more interest than we expected seeing the formidable character of the settings. On the whole the solvers found them unusually difficult, one confessing to having spent ten hours over "The Roll Call" and then going wrong in the leader! Only three were completely correct, namely, C. H. Brockelbank, Rev. Basil Jones and Frederick Lee. The following may like to know just where they failed. G. Stillingfleet Johnson: 3-er correct. 4-er right in all but mainplay which he admittedly did not manage. C. C. Crook: 3-er full solution but overlooked 1... B—B 5 ch in reply to 1 Kt (R 4)—Kt 2 in the 4-er. A. W. Joseph: Wrong in 3-er, 1 P—B 8 (Queens) is met by 1... P—B 6; 2 R×P ch, P×R and no mate; if 2 Kt×Kt P ch, K—B 5! Key and most of the play correct in the 4-er but 2 B×B is defeated by 2... B×R. F. L. Jefferies: 3-er same key as the last named. In the 4-er 1 P—Q B 8 (Queens) is met by 1... B—B 3. John Leshman: 3-er right but Key and some variations in the 4-er in order, the mainplay being overlooked. J. A. Hatherill: 3-er and key of 4-er correct but 2 P—K Kt 8 (Queens) is met by 2... B—B 5 ch and some of the other variations will not work. H. E. Copleston: 1 Q—Kt 2 in the 3-er is spoilt by 1... P—B 6. In 4-er all continuations incorrect though the key is given. F. J. Causton, H. A. McAdam, G. Russell: solved the 3-er but went astray in the 4-er—answers to their moves appear above. Most of the above speak in high terms of these two positions and all seemed to have enjoyed the time spent over them. Mr. Brockelbank furnished an imaginary game to prove that the position of "Tom Tiddler's Ground" can be arrived at by a sequence of legal moves.

"BOHEMIAN GARNETS."—Those who possess this delightful collection may like to know that Mr. Hume has informed us that five flaws have been discovered and M. Havel the composer has put four right. They are No. 55 D., add Black Pawn on K R 5. Without it the solution does not work. No. 68 D., add Black Knight on K Kt 7 which stops a cook 1 R—R 6. No. 94 C., add Black Knight on Q R sq. to prevent 1 Kt—Kt 6 solving it and in No. 95 add Black Pawns on K R 5 and 7 to prevent second solution by 1 Kt—Q 4. Unfortunately the author has as yet been unable to correct a flaw in Dedication Problem D. which yields to 1 B—Q 7.

SOLVERS' SCORE—"LADDER" COMPETITION.

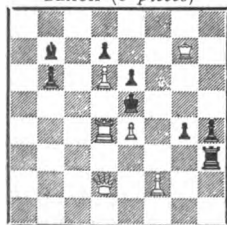
Problems (June) 2,471 to 2,474 inclusive.

J. Allcock (700 + May 20=720); Dr. R. Tennant Bruce (340) 5-5-10-0 (360); **A. T. Cannell (720) 5-0-10-20 (755); J. Chadwick (Sydney) (100); R. W. Clark (Canada) (655); 5-5-10-20 (695); *W. H. Cutland (40) 5-0-10-20 (75); **F. J. Dennis (400) 0-5-10-0 (415); J. C. Derlien (340) 0-5-10-20 (375); Rev. A. T. Dean (225) 0-5-10-0 (240); *B. V. Darbshire (0); G. Fegent (660) 0-5-10-0 (675); *C. Folley (75) 5-0-10-0 (90); **Albert Haddy (725) 5-5-10-20 (765); **W. F. Herbert (350) 0-5-10-0 (365); J. A. Hatherill (155, 5-5-10-20 (195); **Rev. F. O'D. Hoare (130) 5-0-10-0 (145); †G. Stillingfleet Johnson (235) 5-5-10-20 (275); N. V. Joshi (Pusa) India (170) 0-5-10-0 (185); **Frederick Lee (445) 5-5-10-20 (485); *J. A. Lewis (0) 5-5-10-20 (40); *Hubert Lees (Auckland) (115 + 40 April=155); T. W. R. Leistikow (170) 5-5-10-0 (190); **Rev. N. Munro (140) 5-5-10-20 (180); R. J. Minns (560) 5-5-10-0 (580); D. Murray (150) 5-5-10-0 (170); Johannes Nielson (650) 5-0-10-20 (685); **A. Peacock (320); 5-5-10-0 (350); T. Rosenfeld (265); *R. G. Thomson (360) 5-0-10-20 (395); O. L. Telling (Monte Carlo) (710) 5-5-10-20 (750); "Tiro" (Ribe, Denmark) (85) 5-0-10-0 (100); R. G. Tyzack (Brought forward, February, 40) 5-0-10-0 (55); Rev. E. Wells (705) 0-0-10-20 (735); M. E. L. Wills (Gibraltar) (40); *W. A. Way (Malay States) (Brought forward, February, 155) 5-5-10-0 (175);

Albert Haddy with a score of 765 makes his second ascent.

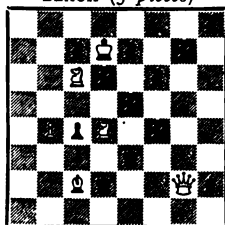
GOOD COMPANION C.P.C. Three-move Competition, February, 1924.

First Prize. ↑
By T. SALAMANCA.
BLACK (8 pieces)



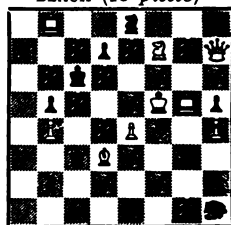
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Mate in three.

Second Prize.
By W. A. SHINKMAN.
BLACK (5 pieces)



WHITE (6 pieces)
Mate in three.

↑ Special Prize.
By H. WEENINK.
BLACK (10 pieces)



WHITE (10 pieces)
Mate in three.

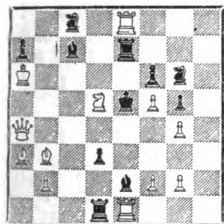
Hon. mentions : Dr. J. J. O'Keefe, J. A. Wilhelm and M. Franken.

" FEUILLE D'AVIS DE LAUSANNE."—International Congress, 1923.

First Prize. **T**

By O. NAGY.

BLACK (11 pieces)

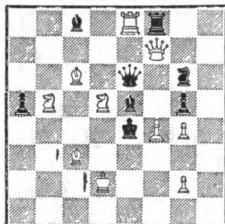


WHITE (12 pieces)
Mate in two.

Second Prize. **C**

By A. JAKAB.

BLACK (8 pieces)

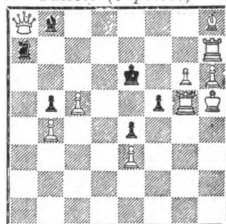


WHITE (10 pieces)
Mate in two.

Third Prize.

By D. ELEKES, L. SCHOR
and J. NEUKOMM.

BLACK (6 pieces)



WHITE (10 pieces)
Mate in two.

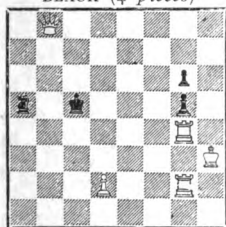
Fourth prize : A. Jakob. Hon. mentions : A. Schnittfull and E. Asberg.

" TIDSKRIFT FOR SCHACK " TOURNEY.—In memory of A. Arnell and N. Sahlberg.

First Prize.

By M. FEIGL.

BLACK (4 pieces)

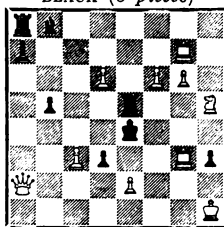


WHITE (5 pieces)
Mate in four.

Second Prize.

By Dr. E. PALKOSKA.

BLACK (8 pieces)



WHITE (10 pieces)
Mate in four.


Third prize, K. Traxler ; Fourth, L. Noack ; Fifth, Dr. E. Palkoska and hon. mention.

We hope at least our advanced solvers will tackle these two four-movers. Feigl's is a beauty with three "Pin-model" mates: this hint may be of assistance as the discovery of the solution is none too easy. Palkoska's we also found difficult but patience was rewarded.

We have received from Mr. Brockelbank a very interesting and instructive commentary upon M. Havel's prize problem which we gave at page 297 of our June issue. Unfortunately it reached us too late to be included in this month's fare, but we will present it in September.

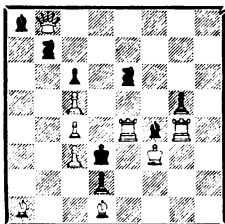
"CHESS AMATEUR."—Tourney in memory of the late P. H. Williams.

TWO-MOVER.

First Prize. 


By R. H. BRIDGEWATER.

BLACK (8 pieces)



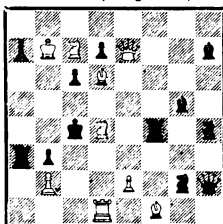
WHITE (9 pieces)

Mate in two.

Second Prize. 

By A. F. KALLAWAY.

BLACK (12 pieces)



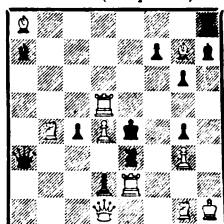
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Mate in two.

Third and Fourth Prize. 

By A. M. SPARKE.

BLACK (11 pieces)




WHITE (10 pieces)

Mate in two.

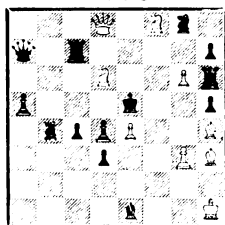
Third and fourth (*ex æquo*), W. Seib; Fifth, J. M. Papp and A. Simar-Molmar.

THREE-MOVER.

First Prize. 

By F. SIMHOVICI.

BLACK (13 pieces)



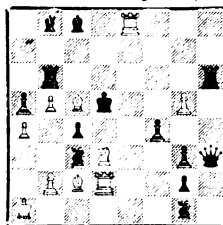
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Mate in three.

Second Prize.

By J. K. SPEISER.

BLACK (13 pieces)



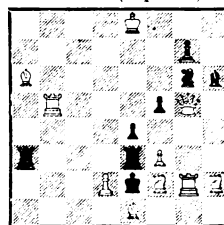
WHITE (10 pieces)

Mate in three.

Third Prize.

By G. F. ANDERSON.

BLACK (8 pieces)




WHITE (10 pieces)

Mate in three.

Fourth prize, W. Seib.

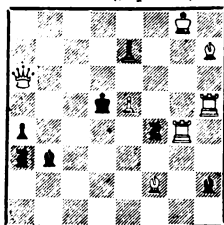
The *Prager Presse* announce the conditions of an international Tourney for three-movers. All entries to be sent on diagrams with full solutions—each problem to bear a motto with the usual sealed envelope containing name and address. No limit of positions from each competitor. Entries must be posted not later than 31st December next, addressed to Dr. Z. Mach, Vinohrady Fochova 93, Czecho-Slovakia. Prizes: 1st, 500 Kc.; 2nd, 400; 3rd, 300; 4th, 200; 5th, 100; 6th, 60. Judges: V. Cisar and J. Scheel. All problems entered are to be regarded as the property of the *Prager Presse*. The award will be made known in May, 1925.

"LIDOVYCH NOVIN" TOURNEY (1923).

First Prize. 

By C. KAINER.

BLACK (7 pieces)



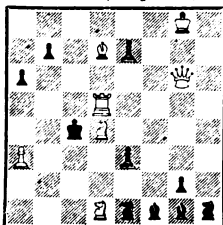
WHITE (7 pieces)

Mate in three.

Second Prize.

By M. HAVEL.

BLACK (10 pieces)



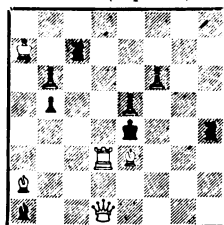
WHITE (7 pieces)

Mate in three.

Third Prize.

By T. MATOUSEK.

BLACK (8 pieces)



WHITE (5 pieces)

Mate in three.

Fourth prize, M. Havel. Hon. mentions, L. B. Salkind, J. Moravec and F. Zedek.

SOLUTIONS.

By F. E. Purchas, "Tom Tiddler's Ground" (p. 262).—1 K—R 6, B×B ; 2 K—Kt 5. If 1.., P—R 3 ; 2 Kt—K 7 dbl ch. If 1.., P×P ; 2 Kt×Q P dis ch. If 1.., P—B 5 ; 2 Kt×B dis ch, etc. If 1.., P—K 6 ; 2 R×P ch. If 1.., P—Q 6 ; 2 Q×B P ch. If 1.., P—B 6 ; 2 Q Kt×Kt P ch. If 1.., P—Kt 6 ; 2 Q×B P ch. If 1.., P—R 6 ; 2 K×B.

By F. E. Purchas, "The Roll Call" (p. 262).—1 P—Q R 8 (Queens), B—R 7 ; 2 Q—R 8, B—B 4 ch. [If 2.., others ; 3 P—K Kt 8 (Queens) ch] ; 3 Kt×B. If 1.., B—Kt 6 ; 2 P—Q B 8 (Queens), B×R. [If 2.., B—B 4 ch ; 3 Kt or Q×B. If 2.., B—Kt 7 ; 3 Kt (R 4)×B. If 2.., B—Kt 5 ; 3 Kt—B 3 or 5 dis ch. If 2.., B—B 5 ; 3 Q×B. If 2.., Q B else ; 3 Q—B 3 ch] ; 3 Q×B. If 1.., B×Kt P or B—B 5 ; 2 Kt—B 5, B—R 7. [If 2.., B—Q 4, K 3 or ×P ; 3 Q×B ch] ; 3 B moves dis ch. If 1.., B—B 3 ; 2 B—B 2 or Q 3 dis ch, B×R ; 3 Kt (R 4)—Kt 2 dis ch. If 1.., B—B 4 ch ; 2 Kt×B dis ch, etc. If 1.., B×R ; 2 Kt (R 4)—B 3 dis ch, etc.

These two problems are intended to be quite out of the common. They are both ingenious and difficult. The variety of the three-mover is truly remarkable and there are some good tries, particularly 1 P Queens. The four-mover is quite puzzling, amusing and clever. The second move after 1.., B—R 7 is most unexpected. 2 P—K R 8 (Queens) fails because of 2.., B—B 5 ch ; 3 Kt×B stalemate. The reply to 1.., B—Kt 6 is not easily seen. The presence of one or two unnecessary Pawns is excusable in such a pictorial presentment. Further reference to these positions will be found on another page.

By G. A. Heginbottom (End-game) (p. 262).—1 B—Kt 4, P×B ; 2 Q×K Kt P, P×R. [If 2.., P—B 4 ; 3 P×P e.p. and either draws by perpetual check or wins] ; 3 Q—Q 4 ch, B×Q ; 4 P becomes B and Black cannot avoid stalemate. If 1.., P×R ; 2 Q—K 4, B—B 2. [If 2.., P×B proceed as before] ; 3 Q—Q 5 ch, K—K 1 ; 4 Q×R ch, K×Q ; 5 P×Kt (Queens) ch. If 1.., P—B 4 ; 2 P×P e.p. and continue as above.

No. 2,471, by B. J. de C. Andrade.—1 Kt—Kt 6, with duals after several moves of the Black Queen. A focal problem in which the key changes two set mates for two better ones. The other variations are commonplace but naturally blended.

No. 2,472, by C. Mansfield.—1 K—B 3, with a dual after 1... R—Kt 2, etc. A good key leads to a cross-check with half-pin, and there are two other half-pin variations. The variety is not so plentiful as in most of the author's problems.

No. 2,473, by M. Bukofzer.—1 Kt—Q 3, K—Q 4; 2 B—B 7 ch. If 1... K—Q 2; 2 B×P ch. If 1... P—Kt 6; 2 Kt—Kt 4 ch. A simple study in the play of Knights and Bishops, and a good problem of its type, all the mates being models. There is little scope for originality in this class of work.

No. 2,474, by P. F. Blake.—1 Kt—K 6, threatening 2 Kt—B 7 ch, K×Kt; 3 B—Kt 5 ch. If 1... P—R 3; 2 K—Kt 3, K×Kt; 3 P—Kt 4. If 2... B—Q 3; 3 Kt—Kt 6 ch. If 1... K×Kt (B 4); 2 Q—Kt 2, K—Q 4; 3 Kt—B 4 ch. If 2... K—Q 6; 3 B—Kt 5 ch. If 1... K×Kt (K 6); 2 Q—Kt 8 ch, K—B 4; 3 B—Q 7 ch. If 1... P—K 6; 2 Q—K 5 ch, K×Kt; 3 Q×B ch. If 1... B—Q 3; 2 Kt—K 3 ch, K×Kt; 3 Q—Kt 8 ch. If 1... B—Q 5; 2 Q×B ch, K×Kt; 3 B—Q 7 ch. If 1... B—B 7, etc.; 2 Q—K 5 ch, K×Kt; 3 B—Kt 5 ch. A splendidly varied problem with good quiet moves in the main lines. The Black King is chased all over the board, and the four model mates are finely contrasted. If without the depth of some of the author's four-movers, this problem contains much beautiful play, and the construction is remarkably clean and accurate. It is a correction of an unsound problem published in the *Natal Mercury*, in 1920.

Help Mate (p. 297).—1 P—Q R 3, P—K 4; 2 Kt—Q B 3, B×P; 3 Kt—K 4, B—B 1; 4 R—R 5, K—K 2; 5 R×K P mate. Mr. Brockelbank sends the following effective solution: 1 P—Q R 4, P—K 4; 2 R—R 3, B—B 4 or Kt 5; 3 R—Q 3, Kt—K 2; 4 R×P, K—B 1; 5 R×Q mate. This gives a clue to another mate: 1 P—Q R 4, Q B P moves; 2 R—R 3, Q—R 4; 3 R—Q B 3, Q—R 4, etc.; 4 R×P, etc.

By W. Wolff (p. 297).—1 P×P *e.p.*, P—K 5; 2 Kt—K 3, K×P; 3 K×Q P mate. It is pretty obvious that Black's last move must have been Pawn from Q B 2 to B 4 which renders the key legitimate.

By L. Lowry (p. 297).—1 R—Q 8, P—B 7; 2 R—Q 2, P becomes Kt; 3 Kt—B 3 mate.

By T. R. Dawson (p. 297).—1 Q—B 4, B×Q; 2 R—R 2, B—Q 3 (must). If 1... B—K 3, B 2 or Kt 1, ×R, etc.; 2 Q—R 2, B must mate. If 1... B—K 5 ch; 2 K—R 2, P Queens mate. If 1... K B moves; 2 Q—Q B 1, P×Q (Queens) mate.

By O. Votruba (p. 297).—1 Kt—R 5, Q×Q; 2 Kt—B 4 ch. If 1... P×Kt; 2 Q—Kt 8 ch. If 1... Kt×B; 2 Kt—Kt 7 ch. If 1... R×Q or Kt—B 5; 2 Kt—B 7 ch. If 1... K—K 4; 2 B×either P ch. If 1... R—B 3; 2 Kt—Q 4 ch. If 1... others; 2 Kt—Kt 7 or Kt—Q 4 ch. Excepting in a marred variation the Black King is always mated on a Black square, the chief contrivance in the leading continuations being the changed command of the White squares in the King's field. One almost looks for a model mate with the Queen's Knight at Q B 3, the King's Bishop having been annihilated.

By M. Havel (p. 297).—1 Kt—B 5, B—Kt 6; 2 Q—Q B 3. If 1... B—Kt 8; 2 Q—Kt 2. If 1... others; 2 Kt—B 6 dbl ch. Should it be considered that Black is entitled to Castle then there is a mate on White's second move. There is not much charm in this three-er, the idea of shutting up the Black Rook by the Bishop to enable the Queen to reach the eighth rank is good, but the key and other play are indifferent. See paragraph on another page concerning this problem.

By C. Kainer (p. 297).—1 B—Kt 7, R—Kt or K 4 or Q Kt moves; 2 Q—Q 4 ch. If 1., R—B 4; 2 B—K 4 ch. If 1., R—R 4 ch; 2 Q×R. If 1., K×R; 2 B—R 6 ch. If 1., others; 2 B×R. There is nothing out of the ordinary here, but there are some little pleasing points. 1., R—R 4 ch is such a powerful move that the key is rather pressed on the solver.

By F. Matzinger (p. 298).—1 R—Kt 5. A very lame sort of key, but the after movements are interesting though not very novel.

By Dr. W. Stoos (p. 298).—1 Q—K B 6. An easy key as the Queen is useless at R 6. The peculiarity of the support of the Knight by Queen and Rook and the play of the three pieces to K 7 is interesting.

By G. E. Carpenter (p. 299).—1 Q—K R 3.

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By G. E. Carpenter (p. 299).—1 Q—R 2.

By G. E. Carpenter (p. 299).—1 Q—K Kt 1, K—K 7; 2 Q—Kt 8. If 1., K×P; 2 Q—Kt 6 ch.

By G. E. Carpenter (p. 299).—1 R—R 2, K—Q 6; 2 Q—K 8. If 1., K×P; 2 Q—Kt 4. If 1., K×Kt; 2 Q—K 6. If 1., K—Q 4; 2 R—R 4.

By G. E. Carpenter (p. 299).—1 R—Q B 3, P×R; 2 Q—Q Kt 4. If 1., P—Q 6 ch; 2 K×P. If 1., K—K 5; 2 Q—Kt 5.

By H. D'O. Bernard (p. 300).—1 Kt—K 6.

By B. Harley (p. 300).—1 B—Kt 7.

By F. F. Alexander (p. 300).—1 Q—Kt 5, P×Q; 2 K—Q 5. If 1., P—Kt 3 ch; 2 K×B P ch. If 1., Kt—Q 6 ch; 2 Q×Kt ch. If 1., P Queens; 2 Q×Q ch. If 1., P—R 6; 2 P—Kt 4 ch. If 1., Kt—B 5; 2 Q—Kt 1 ch. If 1., K moves; 2 Q—K 2 ch.

By T. R. Dawson (p. 300).—1 Q—R 7, K—Kt 4; 2 Q—Q Kt 7 ch, etc.

By P.G.L.F. (p. 300).—1 Q—R 8, P—Kt 6; 2 R×P. If 1., P—B 6; 2 R×P ch. If 1., P—Kt 4; 2 Kt—Kt 7 ch. If 1., P—Q 5; 2 R—K 5 ch. If 1., Kt moves; 2 Kt—K 6 ch.

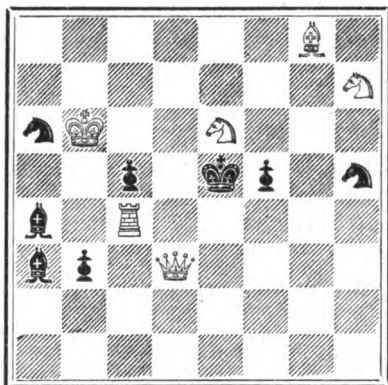
By B. G. Laws (p. 300).—1 Kt—K 5, K×Kt; 2 Kt×P ch. If 1., K—Q 5; 2 Kt—B 3 ch. If 1., P×P; 2 Kt—Q 7 ch. If 1., B—K 2; 2 B—Kt 6 ch. If 1., Kt moves; 2 Q—B 4 ch. If 1., others; 2 Kt—B 5.

By Hans Janssi (p. 300).—Black has moved the last Pawn at K 4 from either K 3 or K 2. (The retraction of Pawn at B 3 would lock up the Bishop definitely.) Before the Pawn stood on K 4, Black was in check from the Bishop. But the Bishop has not moved from K 3 or B 2 and checked, for then the check of the Black Rook would be impossible (the Pawn at B 6 having taken a White piece when the Pawn at Q 5 was on Q 3 or Q 2). The check of the Bishop at Q 4 can only be a discovered one, so the last White's move was Kt (B 6)—Kt 4. Before this move was effected, the White King stood in the check of the Rook at R 4. This check must also be a discovered one with Bishop from B 4 to Kt 8. Before this Bishop stood on Kt 8, the Black King was in check from the Rook at R 8. This check is to be explained only by discovered check from the Bishop at R 3. Therefore, the Pawn at K 5 could not have been on K 3, so Black's last move was Pawn from K 2 to K 4 and White mates: 1 Q P×K P *e.p.* ch, R×B; 2 Q×R.

By G. F. Anderson (p. 303).—1 Kt—K 1.

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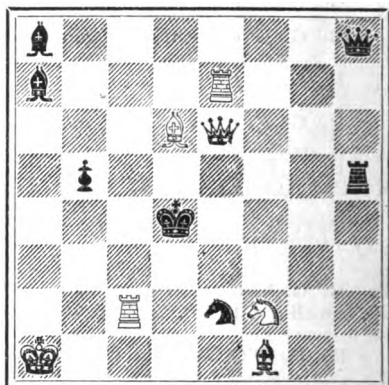
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By J. M. HOLFORD
(Wolverhampton).BLACK (8 *pieces*)WHITE (6 *pieces*)

White mates in two moves.

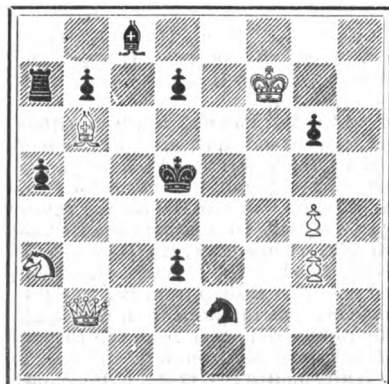
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By B. J. de C. ANDRADE
(London).BLACK (7 *pieces*)WHITE (7 *pieces*)

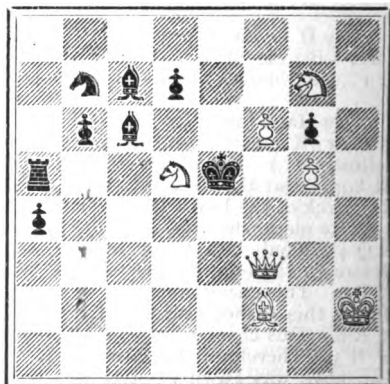
White mates in two moves.

No. 2,481.

By K. S. HOWARD
(Rochester, U.S.A.).BLACK (9 *pieces*)WHITE (6 *pieces*)

White mates in three moves.

No. 2,482.

By JAN VASTA
(Czechoslovakia).BLACK (9 *pieces*)WHITE (7 *pieces*)

White mates in three moves.

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BRITISH CHESS CONGRESS AT SOUTHPORT.

The 17th Annual Congress of the British Chess Federation began on Monday, August 11th, and was held, as was the second one in 1905, at Southport in the Atkinson Art Galleries whose walls are embellished with many charming works and form a pleasing setting for the Tournament. The tables extended through two large galleries so there was plenty of elbow room for the players, while the on-lookers had sufficient space for passing from one board to another and to follow games in which they were interested.

When the congress was held at Southport in 1905, H. E. Atkins, who had tied with Napier the year before at Hastings and lost on the play off, obtained the first of his seven successive victories, and it is therefore a matter of congratulation that he has again entered for the Championship at the scene of his first triumph. During those seven years he always seemed to be slightly superior to the other entrants but frequently gave his supporters many anxious moments through a bad start. He has been out of serious chess to a great extent since his retirement from these Congresses in 1911, but in the London Tournament in 1922 he showed glimpses of his old form, notably against S. Tartakower and A. Rubinstein, though in many other games he proved that want of practice had dimmed his powers of concentration. It is interesting to note that of the 12 entrants only R. P. Michell and he were playing in 1905.

With Atkins' return, the British Championship for this year should be more than usually interesting, for F. D. Yates is certain to make a great struggle to regain the title which Sir G. A. Thomas wrested from him last-year at Southsea. Others of the 'Old Guard' are represented by J. H. Blake and R. P. Michell, neither of whom has yet placed the Championship to his credit, although J. H. Blake once tied with Atkins for first place. At the same time these two players have quite recently shown they still retain their form, the former at the first Easter Tournament at Weston and the latter against strong Continental opposition at Margate in 1923. Another ex-Champion in R. V. Scott may easily upset the favourites. E. Spencer is another who may be expected to give a good account of himself, and the form of W. A. Fairhurst, the youngest competitor, against such company will be followed with special interest. The strength of V. K. Khadilkar, the Indian player, is quite an unknown quantity.

The entry for the Ladies' Championship is similar to that of last year, and we should not be surprised if Miss Price will create a record for this event by winning for the third time in succession.

In the Major Open Tournament A. Rubinstein will be expected to carry off the first prize without difficulty. It is hoped however that some of the English players will give him a good run for his money. It will be remembered that Drewitt of Hastings defeated him at Hastings in 1923.

The players and visitors were received in the Victory Hall by the Mayor of Southport (Alderman Charles Aveling) who gave them the official welcome of the town. He was supported by Alderman Trounson (who was Mayor on the last occasion the Congress was held at Southport) and by Councillor Waterhouse on behalf of the Southport Chess Club. Major R. W. Barnett, M.P., chairman of the Executive Council of the British Chess Federation, who is himself a competitor in the First Class, replied on behalf of the Federation, and play commenced punctually at 6 o'clock. Only one of the competitors whose entries have been accepted was not present at the commencement, he was R. E. Lean of Brighton, in Section A of the First Class. E. W. Davies of London took his place.

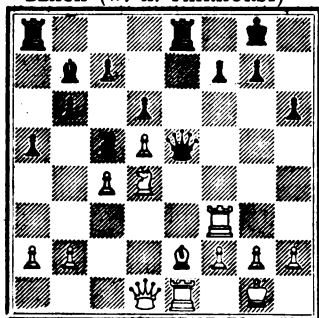
The pairing and results of the First Round of the British Championship were as follows:—

| | <i>Opening.</i> | <i>Result.</i> |
|---------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Mitchell v. Spencer | Ruy Lopez | Adjourned |
| Yates v. Scott | Caro Kann | " |
| Gibson v. Fairhurst | Queen's Pawn | Fairhurst won. |
| Khadilker v. Thomas | Queen's Pawn | Adjourned. |
| Price v. Saunders | Ruy Lopez | Saunders won. |
| Atkins v. Blake | Queen's Pawn | Atkins won. |

At the adjournment there was not much to choose in the game between Mitchell and Spencer though the former had the freer game. As may have been expected the most exciting game was that between Yates and Scott. Scott worked up a King Side Attack after Castling (Q.R.) and sacrificed the exchange which was met by a counter sacrifice by Yates. At the adjournment Scott had three Pawns for the exchange and was threatening to obtain a draw by perpetual check. Gibson won Fairhurst's Queen by a neat combination see position below:—

Position on Black's 16th move.

BLACK (W. A. FAIRHURST)



WHITE (W. GIBSON)

White continued:—

- | | |
|-------------|-----------|
| 17 R×K B P | 17 K×R |
| 18 B—R 5 ch | 18 P—Kt 3 |
| 19 R×Q | 19 R×R |
| 20 B—Kt 4 | |

but later allowed Fairhurst to threaten mate and had to give up his Queen in turn. In addition he lost the exchange and Fairhurst eventually secured rather a fortunate win. Thomas always seemed to have the better of his game with Khadilkar and at the adjournment although level in material had a won end-game. Price getting impatient sacrificed a piece for two Pawns which he afterwards regained but with loss of position which eventually resulted in the loss of a piece and the game. Blake answered 1 P—Q 4, with P—Q B 4. Atkins played 2 P—Q 5 and Blake thereafter had a very cramped game. Atkins eventually broke through on the Queen's Side, but just as Blake appeared to have got over his difficulties, he overlooked the loss of a piece.

In the Ladies' Championship Miss Forbes beat Mrs. Banting, Miss Cotton lost to Mrs. Stevenson, Miss Price beat Miss Abraham, Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Holloway adjourned, Miss Hutchinson-Stirling lost to Miss Gilchrist, Mrs. Houlding beat Mrs. Sollas.

In the Major Open Tournament :—

| | <i>Opening.</i> | <i>Result.</i> |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Muller <i>v.</i> Moses | Queen's Gambit | Adjourned. |
| Rhodes <i>v.</i> Duffield | Queen's Gambit | " |
| Watts <i>v.</i> Schofield | Ruy Lopez | Watts won. |
| Thomas <i>v.</i> Drewitt | Vienna | Drewitt won. |
| Heath <i>v.</i> Sergeant | Falkbeer Gambit | Adjourned. |
| Rubinstein <i>v.</i> Wright | French Defence | Rubinstein won. |

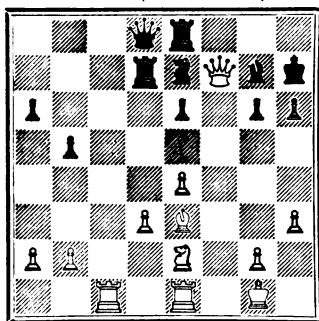
TUESDAY, AUGUST 12th. The Second Round of the competitions was commenced at 9-30 a.m., the draw and results being as follows :

| | <i>Opening.</i> | <i>Result.</i> |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Thomas <i>v.</i> Gibson | Ruy Lopez | Thomas won. |
| Atkins <i>v.</i> Price | Queen's Pawn | Atkins won. |
| Saunders <i>v.</i> Khadilkar | Queen's Pawn | Adjourned. |
| Fairhurst <i>v.</i> Yates | Ruy Lopez | " |
| Scott <i>v.</i> Michell | Queen's Pawn | Scott won. |
| Blake <i>v.</i> Spencer | Ruy Lopez | Spencer won. |

Gibson went wrong in a well-known variation of the Ruy Lopez at the 13th move and Thomas got a smothered mate known as "Philidor's legacy" on the 17th move. Price defended well for a long time but eventually lost a Pawn and Atkins reduced it to a winning end-game in his inimitable way. Khadilkar had a level game for some time and then went in for an unsound combination which lost a piece. Yates lost a Pawn and had a difficult game. Fairhurst's pressure, however, relaxed and the game was adjourned in a more or less level position. Probably the best game was that between Scott and Mitchell, which Scott won by a well and carefully planned attack in 36 moves. Blake and Spencer had a difficult game, Blake in the middle of the game got his Queen shut in and had to give it up for two pieces but got a passed Queen's Pawn. Spencer by good end-game play brought

it to a winning ending, but Blake missed a win in the following position.

BLACK (E. SPENCER)



WHITE (J. H. BLAKE)

At this point Blake, by playing Kt—B 4 would win easily. Black has nothing better than 1... R—B 1; 2 Q×B ch, K×Q; 3 Kt×P ch, K—R 2; 4 Kt×Q, R (K 1)×Kt; 5 P—Q 4 and wins.

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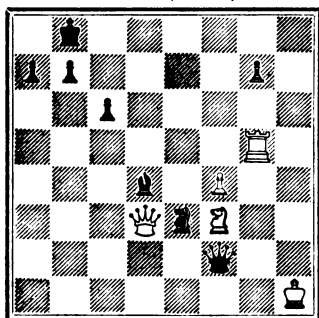
Ruy Lopez.

| WHITE | | BLACK | |
|------------------|------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Sir G. A. THOMAS | W. GIBSON | Sir G. A. THOMAS | W. GIBSON |
| 1 P—K 4 | 1 P—K 4 | 9 P—B 3 | 9 B—K 2 |
| 2 Kt—K B 3 | 2 Kt—Q B 3 | 10 B—K 3 | 10 Castles |
| 3 B—Kt 5 | 3 P—Q R 3 | 11 Q Kt—Q 2 | 11 P—B 4? |
| 4 B—R 4 | 4 Kt—B 3 | 12 P×P <i>e.p.</i> | 12 Kt×P (B 3) |
| 5 Castles | 5 Kt×P | 13 Kt—Kt 5 | 13 B—K B 4? |
| 6 P—Q 4 | 6 P—Q Kt 4 | 14 Kt—K 4 | 14 Kt×Kt |
| 7 B—Kt 3 | 7 P—Q 4 | 15 Q×P ch | 15 K—R 1 |
| 8 P×P | 8 B—K 3 | 16 Q—Kt 8 ch | Resigns |

In the Ladies' Championship Mrs. Stevenson beat Miss Forbes, Mrs. Sollas beat Mrs. Banting and Mrs. Holloway drew with Miss Price. The other three games were adjourned.

In the Open Major Tournament Duffield drew with Muller and Rubinstein beat Heath in 20 moves in a King's Gambit accepted. The other four games were adjourned.

BLACK (SCOTT)



WHITE (YATES)

In the afternoon the adjourned games of the First Round were continued. Yates agreed to a draw with Scott, seeing no way to avoid the perpetual check. Position at the adjournment after the 40th move:—

White's move was 41 Kt×B, whereupon Black has nothing better than to draw by perpetual check by Q—R 5 ch, K—Kt 1, Q—K 8 ch.

Sir George Thomas had no difficulty in winning his end-game with Khadilkar, but Mitchell secured a draw with Spencer, the latter undoubtedly letting him off.

The game between Mrs. Holloway and Mrs. Mitchell was drawn.

In the evening the adjourned games from the Second Round were continued. Fairhurst was outplayed by Yates in the ending, the latter breaking through with Rook and Knight and securing an advantage, but the game was again adjourned. Saunders had no difficulty in bringing about a win in his game with Khadilkar.

In the Ladies' Championship Miss Abraham lost to Miss Cotton, Miss Gilchrist drew with Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Houlding with Miss Hutchinson-Stirling.

The draw and results for the Second Round of the Major Open Tournament were as follows:—

| <i>Opening.</i> | | | | <i>Result.</i> |
|---------------------|-------|-------------------------|-------|-----------------|
| Duffield v. Muller | .. .. | Queen's Pawn | .. .. | Draw. |
| Wright v. Moses | .. .. | Queen's Pawn | .. .. | Draw. |
| Schofield v. Rhodes | .. .. | Sicilian | .. .. | Draw. |
| Drewitt v. Watts | .. .. | Caro-Kann | .. .. | Drewitt won. |
| Sergeant v. Thomas | .. .. | Queen's Gambit Declined | .. .. | Sergeant won. |
| Rubinstein v. Heath | .. .. | Kieseritzky | .. .. | Rubinstein won. |

Rubinstein played a King's Gambit which Heath accepted to his cost. White's 12th move, Kt—K 6, was cleverly thought out, and led to a win in nineteen moves.

GAME No. 5,276.

Kieseritzky Gambit.

| WHITE | | BLACK | | WHITE | | BLACK | |
|------------|----------|-------|----------|------------|------------|-------|----------|
| RUBINSTEIN | | HEATH | | RUBINSTEIN | | HEATH | |
| 1 | P—K 4 | 1 | P—K 4 | 11 | Kt×P (B 4) | 11 | Kt—Kt 6? |
| 2 | P—K B 4 | 2 | P×P | 12 | Kt—K 6 | 12 | Q B×Kt |
| 3 | Kt—K B 3 | 3 | P—K Kt 4 | 13 | P×B | 13 | Q×Q P |
| 4 | P—K R 4 | 4 | P—Kt 5 | 14 | Q×Q | 14 | P×Q |
| 5 | Kt—K 5 | 5 | Kt—K B 3 | 15 | P—K 7 | 15 | R—B 1 |
| 6 | B—B 4 | 6 | P—Q 4 | 16 | B×P ch | 16 | K—R 1 |
| 7 | P×P | 7 | B—Kt 2 | 17 | B—K 6 | 17 | Kt—B 3 |
| 8 | P—Q 4 | 8 | Kt—R 4 | 18 | Kt—B 7 ch | 18 | K—Kt 1 |
| 9 | Kt—Q B 3 | 9 | Castles | 19 | Kt—Q 8 ch | 19 | Resigns |
| 10 | Kt—K 2 | 10 | P—Q B 4 | | | | |

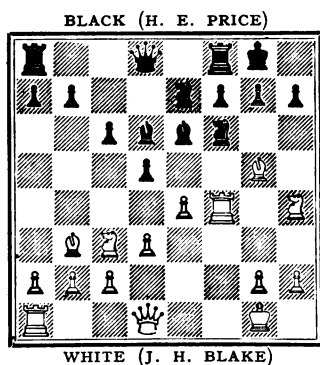
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13th. The draw and results in the Third Round of the Championship Tournament was as follows:—

| <i>Opening.</i> | | | | <i>Result.</i> |
|-----------------------|-------|--------------|-------|----------------|
| Yates v. Thomas | .. .. | Ruy Lopez | .. .. | Yates won. |
| Spencer v. Scott | .. .. | Caro-Kann | .. .. | Scott won. |
| Gibson v. Saunders | .. .. | Queen's Pawn | .. .. | Saunders won. |
| Blake v. Price | .. .. | Four Knights | .. .. | Blake won. |
| Mitchell v. Fairhurst | .. .. | Queen's Pawn | .. .. | Drawn. |
| Khadilkar v. Atkins | .. .. | Queen's Pawn | .. .. | Atkins won. |

so that all the games were finished before the adjournment.

A game which will have an important bearing on the final result was the notable event of this morning's play, that is the meeting of the holder, Sir George A. Thomas and F. D. Yates. Yates had the move and played, as might have been expected, the Ruy Lopez. Both are experts on this opening and the game went on the recognised lines of the Morphy Defence. After driving the Queen's Knight black by P—Q 5, Yates continued with P—Q R 4 eventually opening the Queen's Knight file and placing Rook and Queen on it, and was able to threaten to win Black's Queen's Pawn, which could not be prevented and Thomas seeing that his game would thereby be entirely disintegrated, gave up the contest.

Spencer on the 30th move played P—K Kt 4. This led as one of our contemporaries puts it to his getting too many loose "Paws" about the board, and Scott brought off a creditable win. Gibson also made an attempt on the King's Side attack with P—K Kt 4. Saunders gave up a Pawn and obtained greater freedom, and Gibson capturing with the wrong piece, found himself in a hopeless position. Blake by a judicious sacrifice of the exchange got a strong attack on Black's King, to which Price was unable to find a satisfactory reply, and Blake won in 25 moves. Position after Black's 12th move.



Blake continued :—

| | |
|------------|----------|
| 13 R × Kt | 13 P × R |
| 14 Q B × P | 14 Q—B 2 |
| 15 Q—R 5 | |

Fairhurst sacrificed a Bishop for a Pawn in his game with Mitchell and eventually obtained two more for it, and a position was reached in which it was risky for either side to play for a win. For a long time Khadilkar appeared to be holding Atkins, who had to play carefully, but in the middle game Atkins came out with two passed Pawns in the centre, and later Khadilkar made an error which led to his immediate resignation.

In the Major Open Tournament the pairings and results were as follows :—

| | | | | Opening. | Result. |
|----------------------|----|----|----|--------------|-----------------|
| Muller v. Schofield | .. | .. | .. | Queen's Pawn | Drawn. |
| Duffield v. Moses | .. | .. | .. | Queen's Pawn | Moses won. |
| Rhodes v. Drewitt | .. | .. | .. | Queen's Pawn | Rhodes won. |
| Watts v. Sergeant | .. | .. | .. | Vienna | Watts won. |
| Thomas v. Rubinstein | .. | .. | .. | Queen's Pawn | Rubinstein won. |
| Wright v. Heath | .. | .. | .. | Queen's Pawn | Heath won. |

In the Ladies' Championship, Miss Abraham lost to Miss Forbes, Mrs. Stevenson to Mrs. Banting, Miss Cotton to Mrs. Holloway, Miss Price beat Miss Gilchrist, Mrs. Michell lost to Mrs. Houlding and Mrs. Sollas beat Miss Hutchinson-Stirling.

In the afternoon a Lightning Tournament with 40 entries was held and was won by A. Rubinstein who defeated F. D. Yates in the final; the second prize was taken by Sir G. A. Thomas, N. Clissold was third and Dr. Regan fourth.

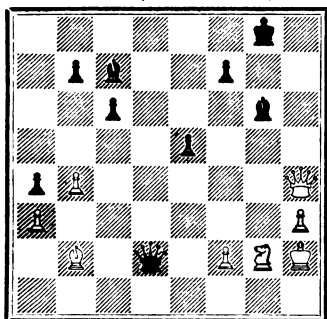
THURSDAY, AUGUST 14th. The pairing and results of the Fourth Round for the British Championship were as follows:—

| | <i>Opening</i> | <i>Result</i> |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Thomas <i>v.</i> Michell | Ruy Lopez | Drawn. |
| Scott <i>v.</i> Blake | Queen's Pawn | Scott won. |
| Saunders <i>v.</i> Yates | Queen's Pawn | Drawn. |
| Atkins <i>v.</i> Gibson | Queen's Pawn | Gibson lost by time. |
| Fairhurst <i>v.</i> Spencer | Ruy Lopez | Drawn. |
| Price <i>v.</i> Khadilkar | Ruy Lopez | Price won. |

Mitchell played 5... Kt×P, and was eventually able to advance his Queen's Side Pawns to open up the game. Thomas meanwhile endeavoured to work up a King's Side Attack. Mitchell eventually won the centre Pawn but was unable to obtain more than a draw. Scott played a venturesome game against Blake, making a Pawn advance on the King's Side early in the game. Blake defended ingeniously and came out two Pawns to the good. In the evening Scott continued in the forlorn hope of a perpetual check. Blake who has not been well lately is generally a vigorous player and seldom lets advantage slip but as years advance he finds perhaps the difficulty of concentration greater. At any rate he became short of time and, as will be seen, more than once let victory elude him and finally placed his Queen where it could be "forked."

The following was the position at the adjournment Black's sealed move being Q—Q 7.

BLACK (J. H. BLAKE)



WHITE (R. H. V. SCOTT)

The game continued:—

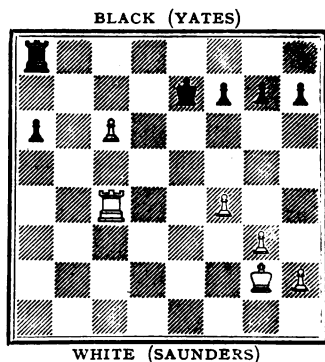
| | |
|--------------|-----------------|
| 42 Q—K 7 | 42 Q×B |
| 43 Q×B | 43 Q×R P |
| 44 Q—Kt 8 ch | 44 K—R 2 |
| 45 Q×K P | 45 Q×Kt P (a) |
| 46 Kt—K 3 | 46 Q—K 5 |
| 47 Q—Kt 5 | 47 P—Kt 4 (b) |
| 48 Kt—Kt 4 | 48 Q—Q 5 (c) |
| 49 P—R 4 | 49 Q—Q 3 ch |
| 50 K—R 3 | 50 Q—K 3 |
| 51 K—Kt 3 | 51 Q—Q 3 ch (d) |
| 52 K—R 3 | 52 P—K B 4 |

losing the Queen.

- (a) Black, by 45... Q—K B 6, wins easily.
 (b) K—Kt 2 was better.
 (c) Subsequent analysis showed Q—K B 4 allows escape from the checks, and therefore still wins.
 (d) P—K B 4 now draws. 52 Q—R 6 ch, K—Kt 1; 53 P—R 5, P×Kt; 54 P×B, Q—Q 2; 55 P—Kt 7, Q×P; 56 Q×P.

Saunders kept the advantage of the move for a long time, but Yates eventually brought about a series of exchanges with the major pieces, and at the adjournment each had King, Rook and four Pawns, a position which in the evening was soon afterwards given up as a draw. Unfortunately Gibson was found at the adjournment to have exceeded his time. Atkins had opened rather weakly and Gibson had secured at one time four Pawns for a Bishop, and Atkins' King was exposed. Atkins however parried the attack and at the time of adjournment had apparently got out of his difficulties. The win, of course, was secured to Atkins who there by headed the list with four straight wins, we believe quite unprecedented by him in the English Championship; as a rule he makes a bad start. He has however still to meet the other leaders. The rival Lancastrians had a good tussle and both tried hard for a win, but it came down to an ending with even pieces and nothing but a draw could be obtained. The players who so far have not secured a point met one another. Khadilkar however got impatient and attacked his opponent without sufficient preparation, and the attack having exhausted itself, Price won shortly afterwards.

The position on the adjournment between Yates and Saunders was as follows; this ended in a draw. Undoubtedly in this game Yates threw away half a point.



In the Ladies' Championship Mrs. Holloway beat Miss Forbes, Miss Abraham beat Mrs. Banting, Mrs. Stevenson beat Mrs. Sollas, Miss Gilchrist beat Miss Cotton, Mrs. Houlding lost to Miss Price, Miss Hutchinson-Stirling and Mrs. Michell drew.

The draw for the Fourth Round in the Major Open Tournament was as follows:—

| | <i>Opening</i> | | | | <i>Result</i> | | | |
|---------------------------|----------------|----|----|----|-----------------|----|----|----|
| Drewitt v. Muller | Caro Kann | .. | .. | .. | Drewitt won. | .. | .. | .. |
| Schofield v. Moses | Caro Kann | .. | .. | .. | Moses won. | .. | .. | .. |
| Duffield v. Wright | Sicilian | .. | .. | .. | Duffield won. | .. | .. | .. |
| Sergeant v. Rhodes | Queen's Pawn | .. | .. | .. | Rhodes won | .. | .. | .. |
| Rubinstein v. Watts | Caro Kann | .. | .. | .. | Rubinstein won. | .. | .. | .. |
| Heath v. Thomas | Sicilian | .. | .. | .. | Adjourned. | .. | .. | .. |

GAME No. 5,277.

Queen's Pawn Game.

| WHITE | | BLACK | | WHITE | | BLACK | |
|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| A. RUBINSTEIN | W. H. WATTS | A. RUBINSTEIN | W. H. WATTS | A. RUBINSTEIN | W. H. WATTS | A. RUBINSTEIN | W. H. WATTS |
| 1 P—Q 4 | 1 P—Q B 3 | 13 R—B 3 | 13 B×Kt | | | | |
| 2 P—K 4 | 2 P—Q 4 | 14 B P×B | 14 Kt—R 2 | | | | |
| 3 P×P | 3 P×P | 15 Kt—B 1 | 15 Kt—K 2 | | | | |
| 4 B—Q 3 | 4 P—K 3 | 16 Kt—Kt 3 | 16 Kt—Kt 3 | | | | |
| 5 Kt—K B 3 | 5 B—Q 3 | 17 Kt—R 5 | 17 Q—K 2 | | | | |
| 6 Castles | 6 Kt—Q B 3 | 18 R—R 3 | 18 Kt—Kt 4 | | | | |
| 7 P—B 3 | 7 P—K R 3 | 19 B×Kt | 19 Q×B | | | | |
| 8 Q—K 2 | 8 Kt—B 3 | 20 R—K B 1 | 20 Q—K 2 | | | | |
| 9 Kt—K 5 | 9 Q—B 2 | 21 Kt—B 6 ch | 21 P×Kt | | | | |
| 10 P—K B 4 | 10 Castles | 22 P×P | 22 Q—Q 3 | | | | |
| 11 Kt—Q 2 | 11 P—Q Kt 3 | 23 Q—K 3 | 23 Resigns | | | | |
| 12 P—K Kt 4 | 12 B—Kt 2 | | | | | | |

In the evening the game between Fairhurst and Yates from the second round, which had been twice adjourned, was resumed and after a short time Yates compelled his opponent to resign.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15th. The pairing and results of the Fifth Round of the British Championship tournament were as follows :

| <i>Opening.</i> | | | | <i>Result.</i> | | | |
|---------------------|----|----|--------------|----------------|----|----------------|--|
| Scott v. Fairhurst | .. | .. | Queen's Pawn | .. | .. | Scott won. | |
| Spencer v. Thomas | .. | .. | Ruy Lopez | .. | .. | Spencer won. | |
| Michell v. Saunders | .. | .. | Queen's Pawn | .. | .. | Michell won. | |
| Gibson v. Price | .. | .. | Queen's Pawn | .... | .. | Price won. | |
| Yates v. Atkins | .. | .. | Caro Kann | .. | .. | Atkins won. | |
| Khadilkar v. Blake | .. | .. | Ruy Lopez | .. | .. | Khadilkar won. | |

Scott won the exchange in the middle game and should have won easily but over elaborated and at the adjournment had had to return the exchange, and the position appeared to be quite level. Thomas won a Pawn in the middle game and then made positional errors and Spencer worked up an excellent attack which eventually won a piece and Thomas resigned. Michell v. Saunders was a very complicated game. Michell secured an opening on the King's Side and doubled his Rooks thereon. At the adjournment the position was very difficult for both. Gibson, after securing what should have been a winning position allowed his Queen to be trapped. Another game certain to have an important bearing on the eventual result of the Tourney was that between Yates and Atkins. Atkins defended with the Caro Kann but it was a very disappointing contest. If one had not known who the player of White was one would have almost suspected he was overcome by the reputation of his opponent, but we know this cannot have been the case. Atkins allowed Yates to get a passed Queen's Pawn, we think inadvisedly, but then Yates gave up a Pawn to get

the two centre Pawns well advanced evidently expecting to win back the Pawn sacrificed. Atkins proved however that this could not be done and Yates then permitted Atkins to break up the King's side, and his game soon went to pieces. The game was adjourned with Atkins two Pawns to the good and he had no difficulty in winning the ending after a few more moves. Khadilkar played the opening in first class style, and his well executed attack brought him in two Pawns. There were Bishops of opposite colours but Blake was unable to stave off defeat. In the evening Michell's attack was successful, Saunders' King was too exposed. Fairhurst missed his way in the ending and allowed Scott a win which left him only half a point down, in five games. With five clear wins Atkins may now be anticipated, after so fine a start, to win the Tourney. Two of his most important rivals being now 2 and $2\frac{1}{2}$ points down. Scott alone may cause him trouble, having only dropped half a point.

In the Ladies' Championship Miss Price beat Miss Hutchinson-Stirling, Mrs. Michell beat Mrs. Sollas, Miss Cotton beat Miss Abraham, Mrs. Banting lost to Mrs. Holloway and Miss Forbes and Miss Gilchrist drew.

The pairings and results for the Major Open Tournament were as follows :—

| | <i>Opening.</i> | <i>Result.</i> |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Muller v. Sergeant | Queen's Pawn | Adjourned. |
| Moses v. Drewitt | Queen's Pawn | Moses won. |
| Duffield v. Schofield | Queen's Pawn | Draw. |
| Rhodes v. Rubinstein | Queen's Pawn | Rubinstein won. |
| Watts v. Heath | Queen's Pawn | Heath won |
| Thomas v. Wright | French Defence | Thomas won. |

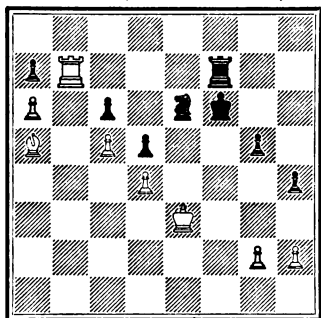
Thomas won his adjourned game with Heath in the Fourth Round. The game between Muller and Sergeant was adjourned for the second time after 80 moves had been made. Rhodes got an excellent game against Rubinstein, winning the Exchange but he was outplayed in the end game ; undoubtedly he has made the best fight so far against the redoubtable chess master and many were disappointed that he was not able to obtain a point from his opponent, which his opening play promised.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16th. The pairing and results of the Sixth Round of the Championship were as follows. :—

| | <i>Opening.</i> | <i>Result.</i> |
|---------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Atkins v. Michell | Queen's Pawn | Michell won. |
| Saunders v. Spencer | Ruy Lopez | Saunders won. |
| Thomas v. Scott | Queen's Pawn | Drawn. |
| Blake v. Fairhurst | Vienna | Blake won. |
| Price v. Yates | Ruy Lopez | Price won. |
| Khadilkar v. Gibson | Ruy Lopez | Gibson won. |

Michell the only competitor, besides Atkins, to take part in the 1905 Championship at Southport, played a splendid game against the ex-champion, and from the 30th move carried through a powerful attack, involving the temporary sacrifice of the Queen, and bringing about a winning ending, which Atkins quickly recognised, and resigned on the 42nd move; this loss, may have the effect of heartening the opposition: we hope it will not diminish the ex-champion's confidence in his judgment, but he still leads, though Scott who was presented with another fortunate half point by Sir George Thomas is now level with him. Saunders, who has been playing some good chess quickly disposed of Spencer, and is only half point behind the leaders, but has still Scott, Thomas, Blake, besides Atkins to play. Yates, with two points down, was tempted to make a King's side attack on Price, which proved unsound, and as a result of the combination, Price came out with two pieces for the exchange, and a strong counter attack, which caused Yates' resignation on the 40th move. Fairhurst made a premature attack against Blake's Vienna, and the latter had no difficulty in scoring a full point. Gibson scored his first point, his opponent, as he has already frequently done in his previous games, neglected defence, and gave up too many Pawns in his attempts to force an attack. Sir George Thomas has frequently proved a lion in the path against Scott, and by ingenious play he secured a threatening passed Pawn but very unusually with him, and we understand it may be due to ill health, he made a slip in the ending, and Scott secured a draw.

BLACK (R. H. V. SCOTT)



WHITE (SIR G. A. THOMAS)

Here Sir G. A. Thomas moved 40 B—Kt 6, which should have won—by 40.., R—B 1; 41 R×P, R—K 1; 42 K—Q 3, giving up his King's side Pawns, but he played 42 K—B 2, Kt×Q P; 43 R—Q 7, R—K 7 ch; 44 K—B 1, R—R 7; 45 P—R 7, R—R 8 ch; 46 K—B 2, R—R 7 ch. Drawn, for if 47 K—K 3, K—Kt 4; 48 R—Q 8, Kt×P; 49 R—Q R 8, K—K 6 ch; 50 K moves, Kt—Kt 4 and wins.

The score at the end of the first week was therefore Atkins and Scott 5, Saunders 4½, Michell, 3½, Price, Spencer, Thomas and Yates 3, Blake and Fairhurst 2, Gibson and Khadilkar 1.

In the Ladies' Championship Mrs. Houlding and Miss Forbes was adjourned, Miss Gilchrist drew with Mrs. Banting, Mrs. Holloway drew with Mrs. Stevenson, Mrs. Sollas beat Mrs. Abraham, Miss Hutchinson-Stirling beat Miss Cotton, Mrs. Michell lost to Miss Price.

Miss Price was a little fortunate to win. She now has a full point lead with $5\frac{1}{2}$, Mrs. Holloway and Mrs. Stevenson follow with $4\frac{1}{2}$.

The pairing and results of the Major Open Tournament were :

| <i>Opening.</i> | | | | <i>Result.</i> | |
|----------------------|-------|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------|--|
| Rubinstein v. Muller | .. .. | Queen's Pawn | Rubinstein won. | | |
| Sergeant v. Moses | .. .. | Queen's Pawn | Drawn. | | |
| Drewitt v. Duffield | .. .. | King's Fianchetto | Drewitt won. | | |
| Wright v. Schofield | .. .. | Queen's Pawn | Drawn. | | |
| Heath v. Rhodes | .. .. | Sicilian | Rhodes won. | | |
| Thomas v. Watts | .. .. | Queen's Pawn | Thomas won. | | |

Rubinstein completes the week with continued success, only Rev. Hooppell in the Third Class has succeeded with him in winning all his six games in the first week. The fight in this tourney will be for second place. The next best scores are Rhodes $4\frac{1}{2}$, Drewitt and Moses 4.

In the First Class, Section A, the leaders are :—Gurnhill 5, Thomas $4\frac{1}{2}$, Major Barnett, Davies and Snowden 4,

In Section B, Atkinson and Morrison, 4 each.

In the Second Class, Section A, Turiff 5, Falkner and Osborn 4.

Section B, Rev. Howlett 5, Clissold $4\frac{1}{2}$.

The result of the first round in the Third Class, Division 1, is that E. H. Smith and Rev. M. Hooppell tie with 4 out of 5. In Division 2, W. A. Aston leads with $4\frac{1}{2}$ out of 5, while Mrs. A. Chase and Miss S. V. A. Malcolm have scored 3.

A second Lightning Tournament of an informal nature, since it was not on the programme but was held because the afternoon was wet, was won by W. A. Fairhurst, who beat F. D. Yates in the final, the other prizes were won by J. H. Morrison, F. Wilkinson and Miss M. Andrews in the order named. C. Duffield beat A. Rubinstein in an early round, and also drew with F. D. Yates.

The following was one of the games :—

GAME No. 5,278.

| WHITE FAIRHURST | | BLACK SPENCER | | WHITE FAIRHURST | | BLACK SPENCER | |
|--------------------|----------|------------------|----------|--------------------|------------|------------------|-----------|
| 1 | P—K 4 | 1 | P—K 4 | 10 | R—K 1 | 10 | Kt—B 4 |
| 2 | Kt—K B 3 | 2 | Kt—Q B 3 | 11 | Kt—Q 4 | 11 | R—K 1 (a) |
| 3 | B—Kt 5 | 3 | Kt—B 3 | 12 | Kt—B 5 | 12 | B—B 1 |
| 4 | Castles | 4 | Kt×K P | 13 | Q—Kt 4 (b) | 13 | K—R 1 |
| 5 | P—Q 4 | 5 | B—K 2 | 14 | B—Kt 5 | 14 | P—K B 3 |
| 6 | Q—K 2 | 6 | Kt—Q 3 | 15 | P×P | 15 | R×R ch |
| 7 | B×Kt | 7 | Kt P×B | 16 | R×R | 16 | P×P |
| 8 | P×P | 8 | Kt—Kt 2 | 17 | R—K 8 | 17 | Resigns |
| 9 | Kt—B 3 | 9 | Castles | | | | |

(a) A serious mistake ; Kt—K 3 was correct.

(b) Threatening to win the Queen by Kt—R 6 ch, followed by Kt×B P ch.

MONDAY, AUGUST 18th. The pairing and results of the Seventh Round of the Championship were as follows : -

| | <i>Opening.</i> | <i>Result.</i> |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Spencer <i>v.</i> Atkins | Guioco Piano | Atkins won. |
| Scott <i>v.</i> Saunders | Queen's Pawn | Drawn. |
| Fairhurst <i>v.</i> Thomas | Ruy Lopez | Thomas won. |
| Michell <i>v.</i> Price | Queen's Pawn | Price won. |
| Fairhurst <i>v.</i> Thomas | Ruy Lopez | Thomas won. |
| Blake <i>v.</i> Gibson | Ruy Lopez | Blake won. |
| Yates <i>v.</i> Khadilkar | French Defence | Yates won. |

Atkins was Fortune's favourite to-day, for Spencer had much the better of the game and chased his opponent's King right across the board, but he was so intent on mating his opponent that he missed several chances of turning the position in his favour.

Atkins advanced his Pawns on the King's side, and after escaping from the checks these Pawns became very threatening. He managed to find the best defence under time-pressure and, continuing until 3-30, Spencer eventually compromised his game by losing a Rook.

The game between Scott and Saunders was well contested. Scott soon launched a King's side attack, but Saunders found the right defence. There was a scramble in the middle game and nearly all the major pieces were exchanged, the position coming down to a Rook and two Pawns on each side. Saunders' were the better placed, but he could not get them through, and a draw was agreed on the 39th move.

Fairhurst played the exchange variation of the Ruy against Thomas who, after an early exchange of Queens and both had Castled on the Queen's side, broke through on the other wing and won a well-played end-game.

Michell did not play the opening well and drifted into a bad position ; he later made an illegal move with a Knight which was "pinned," but did not suffer thereby, the King-move penalty being now obsolete. Price forced his resignation of the 38th move.

The game between Blake and Gibson was full of complications, but in the end Blake succeeded in getting a Rook on the 7th rank and secured a passed Pawn which Gibson was unable to stop, and he resigned on the 49th move.

Khadilkar gave up two pieces for a Rook against Yates, but his attack eventually came to nothing and Yates was left with the winning superiority of material.

In the Ladies' Championship Mrs. Forbes beat Miss Hutchinson-Stirling, Mrs. Banting drew with Mrs. Houlding, Mrs. Stevenson beat Miss Gilchrist, Miss Abraham lost to Mrs. Holloway, Miss Cotton lost to Mrs. Michell. The game between Miss Price and Mrs. Sollas was adjourned.

The game from the previous round between Miss Forbes and Mrs. Houlding was resumed and won by Miss Forbes. Miss Price,

Mrs. Holloway and Mrs. Stevenson all have a score of $5\frac{1}{2}$, but Miss Price has an adjourned game.

The draw and pairing for the Seventh Round of the Major Open Tournament was as follows :—

| | <i>Opening.</i> | <i>Result.</i> |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Muller <i>v.</i> Heath | Queen's Pawn | Muller won. |
| Moses <i>v.</i> Rubinstein | Queen's Pawn | Rubinstein won. |
| Duffield <i>v.</i> Sergeant | Ruy Lopez | Adjourned. |
| Schofield <i>v.</i> Drewitt | Petroff | Drewitt won. |
| Rhodes <i>v.</i> Thomas | Queen's Pawn | Rhodes won. |
| Wright <i>v.</i> Watts | Queen's Pawn | Watts won. |

A Problem Tourney was held in the afternoon and was won by Brian Harley; second, J. W. Dixon; third, J. Keeble; fourth, F. D. Yates.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19th. The pairing and the results of the Eighth Round of the British Championship were :—

| | <i>Opening.</i> | <i>Result.</i> |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Khadilkar <i>v.</i> Michell | Ruy Lopez | Khadilkar won. |
| Price <i>v.</i> Spencer | Ruy Lopez | Price won. |
| Atkins <i>v.</i> Scott | Queen's Pawn | Atkins won. |
| Saunders <i>v.</i> Fairhurst | Queen's Pawn | Draw. |
| Gibson <i>v.</i> Yates | Queen's Pawn | Yates won. |
| Thomas <i>v.</i> Blake | Ruy Lopez | Thomas won. |

Michell neglected a threatened attack on his King's side, and his opponent seized his chance cleverly, bringing both his Rooks over to the King's side and secured a winning position on the 49th move.

Price played an aggressive game against Spencer. The middle game was full of complications. Exchanges cleared the air and at the adjournment the forces were level, but Price had a shade the better position, which in the evening proved sufficient to win.

Atkins, too, played an attacking game against Scott and advanced his Pawns in the centre, eventually making Scott's pieces quite immobile, and Atkins was able to bring his King round through the open Queen's Rook's file and secured a winning ending.

Saunders was unable to make any impression upon his youthful opponent and eventually a draw was agreed.

Thomas against Blake ran the same course as their game at Weston-super-Mare last Easter. Later on Thomas forced the exchange of Queens and advanced the King-side Pawns and at the adjournment had a positional advantage, which in the evening he was able to turn into a win.

Yates got the better of the opening and later made a combination in which he won three of Gibson's pieces for his Queen, and playing the ending well he won on the 36th move. |

Atkins's win over Scott gives him a good lead with a score of 7. He has now to play Fairhurst, Thomas and Saunders. Next to him are Scott and Saunders, both with $5\frac{1}{2}$. Scott has the easier task with Price, Khadilkar and Gibson to play, so long as he does not under-rate them. Saunders has Thomas, Atkins and Blake, a difficult

trio to score against. Next to them come Price, Thomas and Yates with 5 each. It looks therefore most probably that Atkins will win, with a fine struggle for the second place.

In the Ladies' Championship Mrs. Michell beat Miss Forbes, Mrs. Hutchinson-Stirling lost to Mrs. Banting, Mrs. Houlding and Mrs. Stevenson drew, Miss Gilchrist and Miss Abraham drew, Miss Price beat Miss Cotton and Mrs. Holloway lost to Mrs. Sollas. This loss probably puts Mrs. Holloway out of the running, for Miss Price leads with a score of $6\frac{1}{2}$ and an adjourned game, followed by Mrs. Stevenson with 6, while Mrs. Holloway is $5\frac{1}{2}$.

The draw and results of the Eighth Round of the Major Open Tournament were :—

| | <i>Opening.</i> | <i>Result.</i> |
|------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Thomas v. Muller | Queen's Pawn | Thomas won. |
| Heath v. Moses | Caro Kann | Adjourned. |
| Rubinstein v. Duffield | Queen's Pawn | Rubinstein won. |
| Sergeant v. Schofield | Queen's Pawn | Sergeant won. |
| Drewitt v. Wright | Queen's Pawn | Drewitt won. |
| Watts v. Rhodes | Sicilian | Watts won. |

Rubinstein won on the 37th move and scored his eighth successive victory. Drewitt has replaced Rhodes for the second place, his score being 6 to Rhodes $5\frac{1}{2}$.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20th.—The draw and results of the Ninth Round of the British Championship was as follows :—

| | <i>Opening.</i> | <i>Result.</i> |
|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Michell v. Gibson | Ruy Lopez | Michell won. |
| Spencer v. Khadilkar | Queen's Pawn | Drawn. |
| Scott v. Price | Queen's Pawn | Adjourned. |
| Fairhurst v. Atkins | Queen's Pawn | Adjourned. |
| Thomas v. Saunders | Ruy Lopez | Thomas won. |
| Yates v. Blake | Ruy Lopez | Yates won. |

Michell attacked with his King's side Pawns, and finally planned a neat mating combination. Gibson considered the position for some time, but made the wrong reply, and lost immediately. Blake played 4. ., P—Q 3, and had a difficult game. Yates in the middle game won a Pawn by a good combination, and after exchanges, had no difficulty in winning the ending. Thomas varied his play of the Ruy Lopez with 5 P—Q 4 instead of Castling, and secured the better position. Saunders had great difficulty to prevent weakening his position ; a well carried out attack, on his King's wing, left him eventually in a hopeless position, and he resigned on the 34th move, a fine game by the holder. Spencer lost a Pawn in the early game, but after a long struggle he won it back, and a draw was agreed on the 66th move. The game between Scott and Price was one of various vicissitudes, each player in turn having the upper hand. Price won a Pawn eventually, but played some weak moves before the first adjournment, and Scott was able to advance a Pawn, which looked threatening. The game was continued in the evening, and was adjourned again, the ending looking likely to be a draw. Atkins, who appeared to be tired after his long game with Scott, could make no impression on Fairhurst. At one time

it looked likely to become exciting, but exchanges followed, and, forces were level at the first adjournment ; this game was also adjourned again after the evening sitting. A draw seemed the probable result. The scores now are : Atkins 7, with one unfinished, Thomas and Yates 6 each, Saunders and Scott (one unfinished) $5\frac{1}{2}$ each.

In the Ladies' Championship Miss Forbes lost to Miss Price, though she should probably have won. Mrs. Banting lost to Mrs. Michell, Mrs. Stevenson beat Miss Hutchinson-Stirling, Miss Abraham lost to Mrs. Houlding, Mrs. Holloway beat Miss Gilchrist, Miss Cotton drew with Mrs. Sollas.

In the afternoon Mrs. Sollas beat Miss Price in their adjourned game, and has therefore beaten two of the leaders, Mrs. Holloway being another of her victims.

By her win yesterday, Miss Price brings her score up to $7\frac{1}{2}$, and has Mrs. Banting and Mrs. Stevenson to play. Mrs. Stevenson, with Mrs. Michell also as an opponent, has scored 7, so that much depends on their individual game, which takes place on Friday. Mrs. Holloway has $6\frac{1}{2}$, and might still be in the running.

The draw and results in the Ninth Round in the Major Open were :—

| <i>Opening.</i> | | | | <i>Result.</i> |
|-------------------------|----|----|---------------|-----------------|
| Müller v. Watts | .. | .. | Scotch Game | Müller won. |
| Moses v. Thomas | .. | .. | Queen's Pawn | Moses won. |
| Duffield v. Heath | .. | .. | Ruy Lopez | Heath won. |
| Schofield v. Rubinstein | .. | .. | Ruy Lopez | Rubinstein won. |
| Drewitt v. Sergeant | .. | .. | Three Knights | Drewitt won. |
| Rhodes v. Wright | .. | .. | Queen's Pawn | Rhodes won. |

Rubinstein again won but Schofield had at one time a chance of drawing. This ensures Rubinstein's win of the first prize, as was expected, but the opposition has not been so arduous as we hoped it might have been ; many seem to have been overawed by his reputation, and not put up the fight of which they are really capable. Drewitt and Rhodes are 7, Moses $6\frac{1}{2}$.

The second Special Lightning Tournament was played on Wednesday afternoon, resulted in another win for A. Rubinstein. O. C. Müller won the second prize and C. R. Gurnhill.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21st.—The semi-final round of the British Championship, played to-day was as follows :—

| <i>Opening.</i> | | | | <i>Result.</i> |
|--------------------|----|----|--------------|----------------|
| Yates v. Michell | .. | .. | Ruy Lopez | Yates won. |
| Gibson v. Spencer | .. | .. | Queen's Pawn | Spencer won. |
| Khadilkar v. Scott | .. | .. | Caro Kann | Khadilkar won. |
| Price v. Fairhurst | .. | .. | Ruy Lopez | Fairhurst won. |
| Atkins v. Thomas | .. | .. | Ruy Lopez | Drawn |
| Blake v. Saunders | .. | .. | Queen's Pawn | Blake won. |

Michell played 5.., Kt×P, but did not meet Yates's attack in the centre correctly, and the latter was able to force a win on the 33rd move. Gibson made a slip, which gave Spencer an opportunity of establishing his two Rooks on the seventh rank, and he won on the 47th move. Khadilkar and Scott, being the meeting of two

attacking players, resulted in a tremendous scramble, the former making two more Queens, each of which was immediately captured. Scott had a winning advantage, a piece up, but playing carelessly, he had to give up a Rook, and the Indian gave him no second chance. Price got slightly the superior position in the middle game, but in further exchanges to bring about a King and Pawn ending, he miscalculated the position, and it was Fairhurst who came out with the winning ending. It was Fairhurst's 21st birthday, and a happy augury for his future. Atkins *v.* Thomas was a case of careful manoeuvring on both sides, only Queens being exchanged up to the 40th move, continued in the afternoon at a private room at their hotel, both fearing the noise from a crowd of onlookers, but neither could make an impression on the other, and they finally agreed to draw. Blake *v.* Saunders was very complicated throughout, but towards the adjournment Blake broke through, and he soon brought about a winning position in the evening. The two adjourned games from the previous round were both given up as drawn, and the position at the close of play was Atkins 8, with Saunders to play; Yates 7, Spencer to play; Thomas 6½, Price to play; Scott 6, Saunders and Price 5½, so that Atkins has only to draw his last game to win.

In the Ladies' Championship Miss Cotton drew with Miss Forbes, Miss Price beat Mrs. Banting, Mrs. Michell drew with Mrs. Stevenson, Miss Hutchinson-Stirling and Miss Abraham drew, Mrs. Houlding lost to Mrs. Holloway, Miss Gilchrist beat Mrs. Sollas. The scores now are: Miss Price 8½ with Mrs. Stevenson (7½) to play, and a draw would be sufficient for her to gain her third successive championship. If Mrs. Stevenson wins the two players will tie.

The Semi-final Round of the Major Open Tournament was as follows:—

| | <i>Opening.</i> | <i>Result.</i> |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Rhodes <i>v.</i> Müller | Queen's Pawn | Draw. |
| Watts <i>v.</i> Moses | Ruy Lopez | Moses won. |
| Thomas <i>v.</i> Duffield | Queen's Pawn | Duffield won. |
| Heath <i>v.</i> Schofield | Kieseritzky Gambit | Heath won. |
| Rubinstein <i>v.</i> Drewitt | Queen's Pawn | Rubinstein won. |
| Wright <i>v.</i> Sergeant | Queen's Pawn | Sergeant won. |

Rubinstein if he beats Sergeant to-morrow will have scored the highest possible score, 11. The fight for second place is close: Rhodes and Drewitt 7, Moses 6½, Heath 5½.

Rubinstein's tenth win was gained in the following manner:—

GAME No. 5,279.

Queen's Pawn Opening.

| WHITE | | BLACK | | WHITE | | BLACK | |
|---------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|
| A. RUBINSTEIN | J. A. J. DREWITT | A. RUBINSTEIN | J. A. J. DREWITT | A. RUBINSTEIN | J. A. J. DREWITT | A. RUBINSTEIN | J. A. J. DREWITT |
| 1 P—Q 4 | | 1 Kt—K B 3 | | 5 P—K 3 | | 5 Castles | |
| 2 Kt—K B 3 | | 2 P—K Kt 3 | | 6 Q—Kt 3 | | 6 P—B 3 | |
| 3 P—B 4 | | 3 B—Kt 2 | | 7 B—Q 2 | | 7 P×P | |
| 4 Kt—B 3 | | 4 P—Q 4 | | 8 B×P | | 8 P—K R 3 | |

| | | | |
|------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| 9 Castles | 9 Q Kt—Q 2 | 17 R—K Kt 1 | 17 Kt—R 4 |
| 10 P—B 2 | 10 Kt—Kt 3 | 18 P—B 4 | 18 Q R—Q 1 |
| 11 B—Kt 3 | 11 B—B 4 (a) | 19 Q R—Q 1 | 19 Kt—B 1 |
| 12 P—K 4 | 12 B—Kt 5 | 20 R—Q 3 (c) | 20 Q—Q 2 |
| 13 B—K 3 | 13 B×Kt | 21 P—B 5 | 21 P—K 4 |
| 14 P×B (b) | 14 Q—Q 2 | 22 B×B P ! | 22 R×B |
| 15 K—R 1 | 15 Q—R 6 | 23 P×P ch | 23 K—R 1 |
| 16 Q—K 2 | 16 K—R 2 | 24 Q×Kt | 24 Resigns (d) |

(a) White, of course, threatens Q×P.

(b) The open file benefits White, whose attack soon becomes formidable.

(c) This strong move virtually settles matters.

(d) If Rook moves, White has a variety of winning moves, including B×P.

A lightning tournament on Thursday August 21st, resulted as follows:—1 E. Spencer, 2 F. Wilkinson, 3 Rev. A. P. Lacy-Hulbert, 4 A. R. B. Thomas.

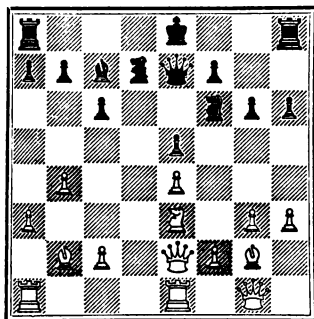
FRIDAY, AUGUST 22nd.—The Final Round this morning resulted as follows:—

| | Opening. | Result. |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| Michell v. Blake | Queen's Pawn | Drawn. |
| Spencer v. Yates | Max Lange | Yates won. |
| Scott v. Gibson | Queen's Pawn | Drawn. |
| Fairhurst v. Khadilkar .. | Queen's Pawn | Khadilkar won. |
| Thomas v. Price | Sicilian | Thomas won. |
| Saunders v. Atkins | King's Fianchetto | Drawn. |

Michell v. Blake was the only game which lasted over the adjournment. Michell had the freer game, but could make no impression on the veteran. He set a trap at the adjournment into which his opponent did not fall, and in the evening the game was given up as drawn in two more moves. Spencer went wrong in a Max Lange opening, and his attack soon came to nought. He resigned on the 21st move, a Pawn down, and as Saunders was pressing Atkins hard, there seemed a good prospect of a tie, for the first prize. Saunders sacrificed a Pawn and got a threatening attack, which possibly should have been good enough for a win. Atkins, however, parried the attack, and, in turn had a winning chance, but, pressed for time, he reduced the game by exchanges to Bishops of opposite colours and a drawn ending. Scott v. Gibson was an exciting game, in which the latter appeared to have a win in the middle game, but exchanges reduced the position to a Rook and Pawn ending which was given up as drawn on the 50th move. Thomas played an excellent game v. Price, creating a weakness on the Queen's wing, and concentrating on it, with the result of the defender's resignation on the 41st move. Khadilkar, whose games during the second week has been far superior to that of the first, showing that with practice with strong players he might easily be an aspirant to high honours, played an excellent game v. Fairhurst, carrying out his attack in fine

style, and won on the 47th move.

BLACK (H. E. ATKINS)



WHITE (H. SAUNDERS)

This was one of the critical positions in the last round, Saunders continued:—

18 P—K B 4 18 P×P
19 Kt—Kt 4 19 Castles (KR)
20 P—K 5 20 Kt×Kt
21 Q×Kt 21 Kt×P
22 Q×B P 22 P—K B 3
but did not succeed in making anything of his attack.

The table, with full scores is as follows:—

| | | I | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | T'l. | Prizes. |
|----|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----|-----------------|---------|
| 1 | H. E. Atkins | — | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | 0 | I | I | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ | I |
| 2 | F. D. Yates | 0 | — | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | I | I | I | I | I | I | 8 | II |
| 3 | G. A. Thomas | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | — | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | I | 0 | I | I | 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ | III |
| 4 | R. H. V. Scott | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | 0 | I | 0 | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ | IV |
| 5 | H. Saunders | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | I | 0 | 0 | I | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | 6 | |
| 6 | H. E. Price | 0 | I | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | — | I | 0 | 0 | I | 0 | I | 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 7 | R. P. Michell | I | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | I | 0 | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | I | 5 | |
| 8 | J. H. Blake | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | I | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | 0 | 0 | I | I | 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 9 | V. K. Khadilkar | 0 | 0 | 0 | I | 0 | 0 | I | I | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | I | 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 0 | E. Spencer | 0 | 0 | I | 0 | 0 | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 11 | W. A. Fairhurst | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | 0 | 0 | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | I | 4 | |
| 12 | W. Gibson | 0 | 0 | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | I | 0 | 0 | — | — | I $\frac{1}{2}$ | |

Atkins, who was 52 on August 20th, thus wins the championship again, for the eighth time, and after a lapse of 13 years. As a school-master at Huddersfield he does not get much practice with strong players, and has frequently in the past made a bad start. On this occasion, however, he led throughout, a happy augury for his continuing to take part in these contests. As will be remembered, he was married quite recently, and possibly his re-entry into the arena is due to his wife's influence; we are sure all chessplayers will be thankful to her, if this be the case. R. P. Michell was the only one to lower his colours, but he should have also lost to Spencer; except for the tendency to get short of time on his clock, he plays with ease and precision, never appearing to get flurried, even when in a tight corner, and his main strength is knowledge of the end-game, and what is a won position. F. D. Yates, who came near to sharing the honour, did not play a good game v. Atkins, but won finely against the winner last year, Sir George Thomas. He revels in complications as also does R. H. V. Scott, who however, frequently handicaps himself in trying for too much, and when he has a won game of relaxing his concentration, as

in his game with Khadilkar. Sir George Thomas, although playing several fine games, was suffering from a severe cold part of the time, and, indeed, wore an overcoat while playing Scott. This did not mean he was suffering from "cold feet" on that day! Saunders started exceedingly well, and played fine chess in the first week. He weakened towards the second, but played an excellent game against the winner in the last round. Price started badly, but won 5 games in succession from the first Thursday. Khadilkar appeared to be below the normal strength of the other competitors, but that this was only from want of practice with stronger players was evidenced as the Congress proceeded, and his wins *v.* Blake, Michell and Fairhurst were well deserved. Michell never seems to do himself justice in these Congresses. Whether it be the holiday spirit we cannot say, but that he is stronger than the position he obtained is shown by his fine win against Atkins. Spencer was very uneven. He beat Sir George Thomas, and not for the first time, but generally his friends will have been disappointed at his score. Blake too was playing below his normal strength, largely due to indigestion, and its consequences. Of Gibson one can say that he must have made more glaring errors in this tournament than he has probably done in his lifetime. His score would have been largely increased, save for these lapses. Fairhurst, who was 21 on the day he played Price, made a good impression for a first appearance, and should do better at a second trial.

The last round of the Ladies' Championship was chiefly interesting from the fact that the two leaders were meeting one another. The holder had only to draw to win the Championship for the third time in succession, and playing carefully she achieved this. Mrs. Stevenson could take no chances, as should she lose and Mrs. Holloway win she would be third only; but the latter lost to Miss Hutchinson-Stirling and therefore shared third prize with Mrs. Michell.

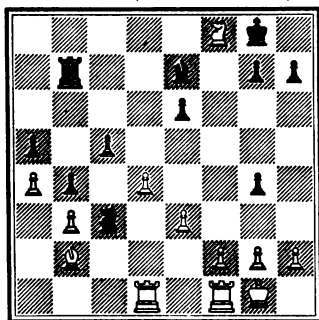
The table is as follows:

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | T'l. | Prizes. |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|------------|
| 1 Miss Price | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 9 | I |
| 2 Mrs. Stevenson | $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 8 | II |
| 3 Mrs. Holloway | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ | } III V |
| 4 Mrs. Michell | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 5 Miss Gilchrist | 0 | 0 | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 6 | |
| 6 Mrs. Sollas | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | 0 | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 6 | |
| 7 Miss Forbes | 0 | 0 | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 8 Mrs. Houlding | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | — | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 5 | |
| 9 Miss H. Stirling | 0 | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 4 | |
| 10 Mrs. Banting | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 11 Miss Cotton | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 12 Miss Abraham | 0 | 0 | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ | |

The Final Round of the Major Open brought Rubinstein his eleventh successive victory, *v.* Sergeant on the 38th move, and while agreeing that the opposition was not quite the best of English amateur strength, one must congratulate on the fine way in which his victories were achieved. In his game *v.* Rhodes, had Rhodes played B × Kt in

the position given, Rubinstein says he could have only drawn. Many of us might be glad to be shown how the draw is obtainable.

BLACK (A. RUBINSTEIN)



WHITE (H. G. RHODES)

White played R—Q 3, and eventually lost. B×Kt, Rubinstein says, would have drawn. We hope to obtain from him the likely continuation.

By beating Heath, Drewitt secured second place by $\frac{1}{2}$ point from Moses, who by beating him displaced Rhodes from third position by the same narrow margin, had the result of this game been the other way round Rhodes would have shared second place with Drewitt, so that the last round had in this tournament a very special significance. The pairing and results were :—

| <i>Opening.</i> | | | | <i>Result.</i> | | | |
|------------------------|----|----|----|----------------|----|----|-----------------|
| Müller v. Wright | .. | .. | .. | Vienna | .. | .. | Müller won. |
| Moses v. Rhodes | .. | .. | .. | Queen's Pawn | .. | .. | Moses won. |
| Duffield v. Watts | .. | .. | .. | Queen's Pawn | .. | .. | Duffield won. |
| Schofield v. Thomas | .. | .. | .. | Ruy Lopez | .. | .. | Schofield won. |
| Drewitt v. Heath | .. | .. | .. | Three Knights | .. | .. | Drewitt won. |
| Sergeant v. Rubinstein | .. | .. | .. | Queen's Pawn | .. | .. | Rubinstein won. |

The table of tournament is as follows :—

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | T'l. | Prizes. |
|----------------------------|---|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|---------|
| 1 A. Rubinstein | — | I | I | I | I | I | I | I | I | I | I | I | 11 | I |
| 2 J. A. J. Drewitt | 0 | — | 0 | 0 | I | I | I | I | I | I | I | I | 8 | II |
| 3 G. W. Moses | 0 | I | — | I | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | I | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ | III |
| 4 H. G. Rhodes | 0 | I | 0 | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | I | I | I | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | 7 | IV |
| 5 O. C. Müller | 0 | 0 | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | I | I | I | 6 | |
| 6 G. B. Heath | 0 | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | 0 | — | 0 | I | I | I | I | I | 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 7 C. Duffield | 0 | 0 | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | — | I | I | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | I | 5 | |
| 8 P. W. Sergeant | 0 | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | — | I | 0 | I | I | I | 4 | |
| 9 A. R. B. Thomas | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | I | I | 0 | — | I | 0 | I | I | 4 | |
| 10 W. H. Watts | 0 | 0 | 0 | I | 0 | 0 | I | 0 | — | I | I | I | 4 | |
| 11 F. Schofield | 0 | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | I | 0 | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | 3 | |
| 12 G. Wright | 0 | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | I | 1 | |

In the First Class Tournament, Section A, C. R. Gurnhill of Sheffield won with the fine score of ten, his loss to H. J. Snowden depriving him from rivalling the score of Akuba Rubinstein in the Major Open. There was a quadruple tie for second and third prizes, Major R. W. Barnett, M.P., E. W. Davies, H. J. Snowden, and H. J. M. Thoms each scoring 7 $\frac{1}{2}$.

In Section B, J. H. Morrison of Liverpool was the winner with 9, losing to Lacy-Hulbert and Howell-Smith. W. Atkinson of Hull was second with $7\frac{1}{2}$, and there was a tie for third between F. Short, and J. E. Parry, with $6\frac{1}{2}$ each.

In the Second Class, Section A, (10 players), H. A. Turriff of Arbroath won with 9, A. C. Falkner was second with 7, and S. J. Osborn, 6, was third. In Section B. (11) players, N. Clissold of New Brighton was first with 9, after a close fight with Rev. E. J. E. Howlett who scored $8\frac{1}{2}$. Dr. V. H. Rutherford with 7 was third.

In the Third Class, Division I, a double round tournament of 6 players, Rev. M. Hooppell was leading till the final round, but was past on the post by E. H. Smith, who won the first prize with a score of 9, Rev. M. Hooppell being second with $8\frac{1}{2}$. In Division 2, also a double-round tournament, four of the six ran a close race, W. A. Aston of Wolverhampton and Mrs. Chase of London sharing the first and second prizes. with a score of 7 out of 10 games, while A. J. Smith and Miss S. V. A. Malcolm, of Edinburgh, were only $\frac{1}{2}$ point behind. The full tables we shall hope to give in October number.

Another lightning tournament was played on Friday afternoon, August 22nd, and won by J. H. Morrison of Liverpool.

Akuba Rubinstein gave a simultaneous performance on Friday, but, owing to having to stop early for an entertainment at the Mayor's Parlour the time for play was shortened and many obtained draws on adjudication, who might not have been so fortunate had play continued longer. The thirty-two players who played against him included many strong players. The final score was won 19, lost 4, and 9 draws. Rubinstein's readiness to go into any variation with enquiring amateurs made him very popular, and all were sorry that his last few days were made somewhat uncomfortable through a bad burn to his two middle fingers through a box of matches igniting as he was lighting a cigarette. He left mid-day Saturday, to give a simultaneous display at one of the new chess clubs at Liverpool, after which he proceeded to Belgium.

A. R. B. Thomas was another unlucky player, for he got water on the knee badly, and had to limp about with a stick, and was in considerable pain during his first week, which undoubtedly affected his play.

On Saturday morning the Mayor of Southport, Alderman Charles Aveling, distributed the prizes, Canon Gordon Ross, the President of the British Chess Federation presiding. In addition a presentation was made to R. H. S. Stevenson and H. G. Rhodes, the local secretary, to whom the smooth working of the congress and the consequent success, was mainly due, and thus brought to a close a fortnight of excitement and interest to all chess players both in Great Britain and elsewhere. The win of our old-time champion, H. E. Atkins, was most popular.

Major Barnett moved vote of thanks to the Mayor and Corporation of Southport, and truly said they had done more for the comfort of players than had ever been done before at these Congresses. Free passes were given to all parks, seats at bands, golf, tennis, etc.

In replying for the Press, Mr. Amos Burn said he visited Southport 60 years ago.

AONACH TAILTEANN CHESS TOURNAMENT.

BY ONE OF THE PLAYERS.

The chess tournament held in connection with the Tailteann Games commenced at Dublin on August 4th, in the Regent's House, Trinity College, which had been kindly put at the disposal of the Aonach committee by the college authorities.

The competitions, which followed the usual lines, consisted of three divisions, a championship tourney, a major tourney in two sections and a popular minor tourney which attracted over 60 competitors. Unfortunately Messrs. O'Hanlon and Hobson found themselves unable to compete, and the strong players A. Panton Watkinson and N. H. Wallace were notable non-entrants, but notwithstanding these abstentions the competing players formed a powerful and representative tourney. The games played were mostly Queen's Gambits Declined and Ruy Lopez and in the main the play was steady and stubborn rather than brilliant. Mr. Baker, as first player, relied mainly on the exchange variety of the Lopez and built his games on the lines of Lasker *v.* Capablanca, St. Petersburg, 1914. Both he and Mr. Cranston play an excellent end-game and the latter would probably emerge a winner—this is written prior to the conclusion of the tourney—if he managed his clock a little more carefully. Mr. Thrift was one of the strongest players in Dublin a dozen years ago and gave early proof that his skill is undiminished when he won a game against Mr. Doyle although a piece down. His only loss so far has been to Mr. Moffat Wilson whose sacrifice of a Rook, in the best attacking style of former days, was a brilliant bit of chess.

Amongst the competitors in the Major tourney Lord Dunsany was a notable figure. He has already gained a prize in the dramatic section of the games and his daring and original chess will bring him near the head of the score but prizes go to a more pedestrian type of genius. Messrs. Varian and Brett, strong players of the Sackville and the Dublin Clubs respectively, have come out at the heads of the two major sections. The minor tournament was fought on the knock-out principle and brought together in the final Major Cotter of the National Army and Mr. H. Epstein. The former won.

The arrangements for play and for the comfort of the players and spectators were excellent and nothing in the nature of a hitch occurred to mar the pleasantness of the proceedings. Each day a considerable number of interested spectators followed the play at the principal boards and occasionally greeted with applause the termination of a particularly interesting game.

The honorary director of the games, H. N. Bowesman, deserves a paragraph all to himself. Gently and unobtrusively he attended to all his duties, kept all things right, imparted immediately any information requested, wearing the velvet glove all the time—but one was aware of the existence of the iron hand. A little presentation felicitously made by Mr. Thrift on behalf of the competitors gave tangible expression to their gratitude. May he manage many such happy meetings in future.

J.C.

NEWS FROM THE DOMINIONS AND FOREIGN LANDS.

South Africa.—At the Town Hall, Durban, on July 14th, the S.A. championship meeting began, with the following entries:—S. C. Chard, Dr. J. B. McCord and L. Edgcumbe (Durban); Dr. Blieden and E. C. Cooper (Johannesburg); L. Charney (Capetown); F. W. Dunbar (Pretoria); and A. Chavkin (Orange Free State). We learn that A. Chavkin won the event with $5\frac{1}{2}$ points; but we have to reserve other details.

On May 29th the Union C.C., Johannesburg, received a visit from a team of 17 representing Pretoria and beat them $20\frac{1}{2}$ — $10\frac{1}{2}$, two games being played on 14 of the boards. Dunbar (Pretoria) beat Blieden on the top board.

S. Diamond has left Durban on a visit to his native Russia.

On May 28th the Durban C.C. beat the Railway and Harbour Institute C.C. 9—5.

The annual match at Cape Town between European and Colonial-born players—or rather between South African-born and Oversea-born, as the match is now styled—was played on July 15th, and ended in a victory for the S.A.-born team by $25\frac{1}{2}$ — $22\frac{1}{2}$. In the whole series the Overseas have now won 23 matches to the S.A. 8, while 2 matches have been ties.

Australia.—The Victorian state championship concluded in June, the result being a victory for C. G. Watson, with a score of 14 wins, 2 draws—both with S. Woinarski—and no losses. Woinarski was second with 12, and W. F. Coultas third with $11\frac{1}{2}$, the other six competitors being rather tailed off.

This is Watson's 6th win in the event—a fine performance, though he has some way to go yet before he emulates G. Gundersen's 11 wins. Watson's first win was as long ago as 1898.

During his visit to Melbourne in May Boris Kostich played a match of 4 games with Watson, winning 2 and drawing 2.

In the 30th telegraphic match between New South Wales and Victoria, played on June 9th, the result was a draw of 5 all. Victoria led by 3—2 on actually finished games, but Kostich's adjudication made matters level. On the top board S. Crackanthorp (N.S.W.) was awarded a win against C. G. Watson.

New Zealand.—The N.Z.C.A. held its 25th annual general meeting at Wellington on July 9th, when a good year's progress was reported, 19 clubs being now affiliated. The 34th N.Z. championship congress is to be held at Nelson about Boxing Day.

Wellington beat Otago in their annual telegraphic match by $12\frac{1}{2}$ — $5\frac{1}{2}$. Wellington has now won 11 out of the 12 matches, that in 1922 being a tie.

Boris Kostich arrived in Wellington on July 21st, and commenced a tour of the Dominion with a simultaneous display against 25 oppon-

ents, winning 16 games and drawing 9. This is the first visit of a chess master to New Zealand.

The Wellington C.C. has just celebrated the 48th anniversary of its foundation.

West Indies.—The second annual meeting of the Bridgetown (Barbados) C.C. was held on May 31st, when it was reported that the club membership now stands at 35, of whom 25 are playing members, and that quite a few visitors have called at the club during the year. We are glad to see that subscription to the *B.C.M.* has been continued.

United States.—The Western Championship meeting was due to be held at Detroit, August 23rd—September 1st. Among the expected competitors were S. Faktor (last year's champion), N. Banks, S. Mlotkowski, and possibly S. Rechefski. There was a possibility of two sections having to be run this time.

The New York State Championship was held at Rochester, August 18th—23rd.

France.—In the Olympic Tournament the placing of the various countries saw Czecho-Slovakia top, with 31 points, followed by Hungary (30) and Switzerland (29). As there was no pretence to representative entries on the part of most of the countries concerned, little importance can be attached to the result.

In the final section, we learn from one who was present at the tournament, Euwe and Colle appeared to have the first two prizes at their mercy three rounds from the end, but then both unaccountably went to pieces—unless it be that they were worn out by the long hours of play, which are said to have their effect even on our almost indefatigable friend Dr. S. F. Smith.

Of those who did not get into the winners' section, K. Hromadka (Czecho-Slovakia) did best, scoring $9\frac{1}{2}$ points during the whole tournament. We note that J. J. O'Hanlon scored $5\frac{1}{2}$, H. K. Handasyde and Dr. Smith 5, C. Wreford-Brown $3\frac{1}{2}$, and Mrs. Holloway 3.

At the Hotel Majestic on July 18th—19th an exhibition game was played between A. Aurbach and F. D. Yates, the result being a draw.

Holland.—The Dutch championship, at Amsterdam, has been won by Max Euwe, who scored 7 points in 9 games, losing to J. Davidson and drawing with A. G. Olland and E. Straat. Davidson was second with 6, and the remaining scores were: Olland, A. Speyer and J. L. Kersten, $4\frac{1}{2}$; R. J. Loman and Straat, 4; G. S. Fontein, E. de Haas and G. Kroone, $3\frac{1}{2}$.

Belgium.—E. Colle won the tournament in Brussels (June 14th—28th) for the cup presented by *La Nation Belge*, scoring 9 wins and 3 draws in 12 games.

For the tournament at Westende-Plage, August 5th—15th, 9 entries were secured, and the result was a tie between Sveyn Canow (Sweden) and P. Keek (Holland) for first place, each scoring $6\frac{1}{2}$ points. Dr. W. Fick (Holland) and E. Lancel (Belgium) divided 3rd and 4th prizes, while Dr. S. Groen (Holland) was fifth.

Czecho-Slovakia.—A match at Teplitz-Schönau, on July 6th, between the home country and Austria was won by the latter, 9—6.

Switzerland.—The Swiss championship, contested at Interlaken, July 21st—27th, was won by O. Zimmermann, of Zurich, with a score of 6 points in 9 games. There was a tie for second place between Gygli, Grob and W. Michel. Last year's winner, Hans Johner, was not competing.

Spain.—The Catalanian championship has been won by P. Soler.

Greece.—A chess club has been organised in Corfu (Kerkyra), of which the membership has already reached 120. The president is Panagiotes G. Giotopoulos, the hon. secretary, Ch. Arvanitakis, and the reporter T. Mavroudis. We have to acknowledge the receipt of a little publication issued by the club.

Brazil.—The final score in the match Souza Mendes *v.* Vianna was $5\frac{1}{2}$ — $\frac{1}{2}$ in favour of the former.

NEWS FROM THE BRITISH ISLES.

A good picture of the late H. F. Cheshire has been placed on the walls of the Hastings Chess Club.

A memorial to the late Rev. G. H. Manbey will be erected at his old school by his many friends at Southend and throughout Essex.

Result of the Belfast championship tournament 1924-5:—

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | T'l. |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|------|
| 1 W. J. Allen | — | 1 1 | 1 1 | 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ 1 | 6 |
| 2 R. A. Heaney | 0 0 | — | 1 0 | 1 1 | 1 1 | 5 |
| 3 L. E. Deens | 0 0 | 0 1 | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 1 | 4 |
| 4 A. Orr | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ 1 | 4 |
| 5 D. McDonald | $\frac{1}{2}$ 0 | 0 0 | 0 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ 0 | — | 1 |

The championship of Hertfordshire has been won by T. A. Staynes, who defeated G. P. A. Richards in the final.

Mr. Staynes is a master at Aldenham School, Elstree, and this was his first season as a Hertfordshire player. He quickly demonstrated his chess talent, and was largely instrumental in enabling the Bushey Chess Club to carry off the County Club Championship for the first time, beating strong opponents in Watford and St. Albans. Mr. Staynes played top board in several of the county matches, and has proved a great acquisition to chess in Hertfordshire.

Mr. Richards, who reached the final by defeating J. Burgess, a well-known London player resident in Herts., is the mainstay of the newly formed chess club at Barnet.

THE BRITISH CORRESPONDENCE CHESS ASSOCIATION

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Members are reminded that the Trophies and Handicap Tourneys for 1923-4 ended on August 31st. Results of unfinished games should where possible, be agreed upon and notified to the respective hon. secretaries, Messrs. North and Wilson. Players in the Handicap Tourney can carry their unfinished games over to the new tourney if it is mutually agreed to do so.

The new tourneys will start on October 1st, the last date for entries for the Trophies Tourney being September 24th. In addition to the usual tourneys, a trial will be given to a 'knock-out' tourney as outlined in last month's *B.C.M.* To cover the expenses of the tourney, including the provision of three medals, an entrance fee of rs. 6d. will be charged.

New members will be cordially welcomed and any reader contemplating a trial of the pleasures of correspondence chess is reminded that this is the best time to join. Full details of the tourney with an entrance form will be sent to anyone on application.

Matches.—Results in our match against the French Chess Federation are now coming to hand. Messrs. Parsons and Rhead having been beaten whilst Mr. Wilson and Prof. Robinson have scored for us. In the *Chess Amateur* match we drew level at 24 all but since then we have fallen behind again. The scores in the matches are :—*v. Chess Amateur* (28—36); *v. Belfast News Letter* (3—1); *v. Poor Law Officers' C.C.L.* (2—3).

Trophies Tourney.—There have been many well contested contests this year and in eight out of the twelve sections the winner is not yet known. We congratulate the following players on winning their respective sections :—1b, A. Sheppard; 3b, W. C. Wallis; 5a, G. A. Wilcox; 5b, A. R. Coole. Mr. Coole is the only player in the whole tourney who has won every game. In 2b the issue still rests between four players. In the other sections the following appear to be likely winners :—1a, Dr. Macdonald; 2a, F. F. Finch; 3a, Rev. N. Munro; 4a, S. G. Duffell; 4b, J. W. Wood; 4c, T. L. Redfern; 5c, C. Tolley. The following results have been received.

Class 1a: Illingworth 1, Parsons 0; Ffoulkes 1, Parsons 0; Bodkin 1, Parsons 0; Ffoulkes 1, Clarke 0; Chambers 1, Parsons 0.
 Class 1b: Sheppard 1, Mogg 0; Sheppard $\frac{1}{2}$, Jones $\frac{1}{2}$; Cope $\frac{1}{2}$, Sparke $\frac{1}{2}$;
 Cope 1, Mogg 0; Rhead 1, Jones, E. M., 0; Bussell $\frac{1}{2}$, Rhead $\frac{1}{2}$;

Bussell 1, White 0. Class 2a: Rutherford $\frac{1}{2}$, Wilson $\frac{1}{2}$; Wilson 1, Windybank 0; Evill beat Blanshard, Rutherford and Windybank; North $\frac{1}{2}$, Richardson $\frac{1}{2}$; Windybank 1, Colborne 0; Finch 1, Rutherford 0. Class 2b: Ward 1, Malone 0; Ditcham 1, Malone 0; Jayne 1, Brayne 0; Malone 1, Brayne 0; Toledano 1, Malone 0; Ditcham $\frac{1}{2}$, Kitchener $\frac{1}{2}$. Class 3a: Munro 1, Henderson 0; Munro 1, Miss Abraham 0; Snook 1, Heath 0; Munro $\frac{1}{2}$, Snook $\frac{1}{2}$. Class 3b: Bardsley beat Armitage and Rocks and lost to Pindar; Armitage 1, Sheard 0; Pindar 1, Rynders 0; Pindar $\frac{1}{2}$, Gurney $\frac{1}{2}$; Lesser 1, Rocks 0; Rocks 1, Pindar 0; Armitage $\frac{1}{2}$, Lesser $\frac{1}{2}$; Wallis $\frac{1}{2}$, Rocks $\frac{1}{2}$; Lesser 1, Sheard 0; Lesser 1, Lambert 0; Bardsley 1, Lambert 0; Bardsley $\frac{1}{2}$, Sheard $\frac{1}{2}$. Class 4a: Laslett 1, Hall 0; Holmes 1, Thomas 0; Duffell 1, Walton 0; Duffell 1, Holmes 0; Walton 1, Miss Chater 0. Class 4b: Seymour 1, Behrndt 0; Kennedy 1, Seymour 0; Anderton 1, Kennedy 0. Class 4c: McKellen $\frac{1}{2}$, Redfern $\frac{1}{2}$; McKellen 1, Griff in 0. Davis 1, Collins 0; Gracey 1, Ellis 0; Collins 1, Ellis 0; Davis 1, Class 5a: Beckwith 0; Wilcox 1, Ellis 0. Class 5b: Price 1, Baker 0 (by default); Curson 1, Baker 0 (by default); Coole beat Tysall, Burton and Halford; Curson 1, Green 0; Burton $\frac{1}{2}$, Houghton $\frac{1}{2}$; Halford 1, Tysall 0; Green 1, Tysall 0. Class 5c: Lister 1, Palmer 0; Palmer 1, Roberts 0; Lister 1, Hussian 0; Folley 1, Lister 0; Folley 1, Roberts 0; Miss Eveling 1, Roberts 0; Folley 1, Hussian 0; Palmer 1, Parr 0.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE INVENTOR OF THE CUNNINGHAM GAMBIT or THREE PAWNS' GAMBIT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE B.C.M.

SIR,—In April 1912, Mr. H. J. R. Murray argued in the *B.C.M.* (Vol. 32, pp. 145 sq.) that Alexander Cunningham the historian and not Alexander Cunningham the critic, as the Rev. W. Wayte believed, was the inventor of the *Cunningham Gambit*. I have lately found in reading the *Tour to the Hebrides* that the spelling of the critic's name was Cuninghame. (See R. W. Chapman's edition of the *Tour* pp. 413 and 499). Boswell was exact in such matters, and his more important variation of spelling is confirmed by the Catalogue of the Cambridge University Library, which places the critic among the Cuninghams and the historian among the Cunninghams. So here is a further argument in favour of Mr. Murray's view.

It is perhaps worth mentioning, for others may share this curious delusion, that James Mason believed a certain Captain Cunningham, a frequenter of the Divan in the sixties, to have been the inventor of the Gambit (*Social Chess*, p. 149, MacDonnell, *Chess Life-Pictures*, pp. 73-4).

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

CAMBRIDGE, August 16th, 1924.

B. GOULDING BROWN.

WANTED.

Some Second-hand Staunton Sets. Height of King $3\frac{1}{2}$ " with or without boards, squares $2\frac{1}{4}$ ". Write P. L. Blakeley, Ryde, Isle of Wight.

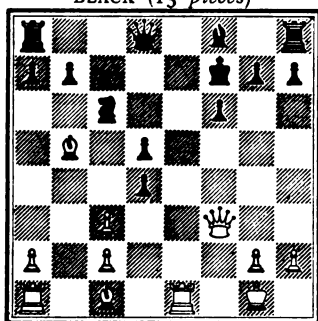
CHESS FOR BEGINNERS

(Continued from page 323).

The solutions of Problems 157 to 160, held over last month, are as follows. Problem No. 157 was: A game commenced 1 P—K 4, P—K 4; 2 Kt—Q B 3, Kt—K B 3; 3 P—B 4, P—Q 4; 4 B P×P, Kt×P; 5 Kt—B 3, B—K Kt 5; 6 Q—K 2, Kt×Kt; 7 Kt P×Kt, P—Q B 4; 8 Q—B 2, Kt—B 3; 9 P—Q 4, P×P; 10 B—Q 3, B×Kt; 11 Q×B, Kt×P; 12 B—Kt 5 ch, Kt—B 3; 13 Castles, P—B 3; 14 R—K 1 ch, K—B 2. Criticise Black's play, and suggest best continuation for White. The position was:—

Problem No. 157.

BLACK (13 pieces)



WHITE (11 pieces)

5... B—Q Kt 5 is perhaps better, but 5... B—K Kt 5 practically compels Q—K 2, impeding the King's Bishop and delaying castling. A good alternative is 5... B—K 2; 6 P—Q 4, Castles; 7 B—Q 3, P—K B 4; 8 P×P *e.p.*, B×P! 6... Kt×Kt is best. Kt—Kt 4 is bad, because of 7 P—K R 4 (to prevent Q—R 5 ch), Kt×Kt ch; 8 P×Kt, B—B 1; 9 P—Q 4 with advantage to White. If 6... Kt—B 3; 7 Kt×Kt, Kt—Q 5; 8 Q—Q 3, B×Kt; 9 Kt—Kt 3! If 7... B—K 2; 8 Q—Kt 5 ch wins a Pawn, hence 7... P—Q B 4; 9... B—K 2 is good. 10... B—K 2 is better, then 11 Castles, Castles; 12 P×P, B×Kt; 13 P×B, B—R 5; 14 Q—K 3 (11... B—B 4 is probably better). 14 B—Kt 5 has been suggested instead of R—K 1 ch.

The best continuation for White in the position in the diagram is I confess, difficult; when I set the Problem, I thought 15 Q—B 5 would win, *e.g.*, 15... B—K 2; 16 Q—K 6 ch, K—B 1; 17 B—K B 4 (better than recovering the Pawn immediately) with an excellent game. Another very strong line suggested by solvers commences 15 P—B 4, P—Q R 3; 16 B—R 4, P×P; 17 B×Kt, P×B; 18 Q×P, B—K 2; 19 Q×Q B P ch, K—B 1; 20 B—Kt 2, etc. If 15... B—Kt 5; 16 P×P.

Problem 157 is much more difficult than I expected and I do not wonder at many solvers fighting shy of it. I am sorry that owing to the work entailed by the Congress at Southport and the preparations necessary for my getting away for my holiday I have not had the time to report on the solutions sent in as I should like to, and as I hope to do in future.

The winner this month is "G.A.W." for the second time. 45 solutions were received this month, which is an improvement I hope will continue. If I can only get a few more to go in for these problems I shall endeavour to divide into two sets, one on the lines now being given and a second division with easier problems, for there are certain solvers who are considerably weaker than the leaders.

I am not setting any problems this month. We all want a holiday at one time in the year. I expect it will be somewhat of a rush for me to get things ready for the October number in any case but I will do my best.

"G.A.W." (1), 301, 4, 3, 5, 4, 317; "R.W.E.," 299, 3, 3, 4, 3, 312; Rev. J. B. Bourne (1), 292, no solutions; C. C. Excell, 274, -, -, 5, 4, 283; "N.M." (2), 266, 4, 3, 5, 5, 283; "A.W.T.H.," 249, 1, 3, 0, 3, 256; T. E. Storrs, 234, 1, 5, 5, 5, 250; D. E. Budge (1), 225, 2, 3, 5, 4, 239; "H.D.B." (India), 211 (153/6), -, 5, -, 4, 220; "C.P." (1), 204, 2, 3, 4, 4, 219; J. Allcock, 201, 3, 3, 5, 5, 217; J. A. Evans (1), 192, 4, 3, 5, 5, 209; "J.W.T.," 184, 3, 2, 5, 4, 198; C. J. Cole (1), 180, 3, 2, 4, 3, 192; A. E. Smith (1), 174, 4, 3, 5, 2, 188; Wm. Skirrow (1), 177, no solutions; "F.H." (1), 155, 3, 2, 5, 0, 165; C. H. Jago, 129, 3, 3, 5, 5, 145; D. R. Langton (1), 127, 4, 3, 5, 1, 140; "Clare," 122, 4, 3, 5, 4, 138; "Tyro" (1), 123, 3, 3, 3, 3, 135; C. Skertchley, 134, no solutions; A. G. Allen (2), 105, 3, 4, 5, 4, 121; "Worton," 102, 3, -, 5, 4, 114; "Knowsley," 96, 3, 1, 5, 4, 109; A. Lockley (1), 99, no solutions; C. G. Caldecott, 77, 1, 3, 3, 4, 88; F. M. Reade (1), 72, 1, 4, 5, 5, 87; "Beta," 59, 3, 3, 5, 4, 74; "J.E.D.," 55, 2, 2, 4, 4, 67; F. Newell, 45, 5, 3, 5, 0, 58; M. G. Kendall, 37, 1, 3, 5, 3, 49; A. D. C. Amos (2), 30, 3, 3, 5, 4, 45; "Hakaoh," 44, no solutions; "J.U.J.," 23, 3, 2, 5, 5, 36; R. Mathieson (1), 33 no solutions; "W.H.C.," 19, 2, 1, 4, 4, 30; "Holly," 16, 2, 4, 4, 3, 29; "J.M.H.," 10, 3, 3, 5, 3, 24; "Knight," 8, 3, 3, 4, 3, 21; "Rook," 13, 1, -, 3, 2, 19; L. Illingworth, old score? 4, 3, 5, 4, 16; "Anco.," 2, 3, 5, 5, 15; "H.L.," 4, 2, 5, 4, 15; "A.T.G.," 3, 4, 3, 3, 13; "Iacre," 3, 3, 4, 0, 10; J. Brown, 3, 3, 4, 0, 10; "James," -, -, 3, 3, 6; "A.H.T.," old score? -, -, -, 3, 3.

REMARKS TO SOLVERS.—"J.W.T."—Yes, accepted under the circumstances. To 157 you say he might have played 3.., P×P and 4.., Q—R 5 ch, but Black cannot hop over the Knight at K B 3. If 13.., Q—Q 2; 14 B—Kt 5. "Anco."—Very glad to welcome you. One does want 'imagination' at chess; one thing Edward Lasker emphasised. *Toujours l'attaque!* When in doubt as to a move, make the more attacking one. It may lead you astray at first, but it will teach you the possibilities more quickly than the defensive moves. "A.W.T.H."—Yes I can see you have not spent much time on them! "G.A.W."—Although some of your criticisms are incorrect, I can see you have spent some time on them. Your continuation was the one I favoured at first. "C.P."—Better. In 159, however, Black's strongest cannot be to move the King towards the King's side when the Rook is "bottled up," and White's Queen's Rook Pawn going on to Queen. "F.H."—If 14.., B—K 2; 15 B×Kt P×B; 16 B—R 3. The solution of 160 is worth studying under the circumstances..

"Beta."—Never mind. What's in a name. I would like to split the class in two ; perhaps, later on, I will. "W.H.C."—This is holiday month or I would promise to write direct. I will if I have time away. You see that you are substantially correct in 159 and 160. "N.M." You must be Irish ! The score is excellent, but the "butter's spread too thick." However, I do want to help. "T.E.S."—If 15 Q—B 5, B—B 4 ; 16 Q—K 6 ch, K—B 1 ; 17 B—K B 4. You have not criticised Black's moves. "C.G.C."—In 159 you are wrong, after 1 P—B 6, R—Kt 1 ; 2 Kt—K 5 ch ? the win then is more than doubtful. "Rook"—I think myself that Black has been too eager after Pawns at the expense of development, and therefore White should win. It was a very difficult problem. In 160 White's play is more difficult if Black plays B—Q 3 in answer to your 2. . . , B—R 6, that is why he first plays 2 B—B 8 ! "H.F."—Yes, after Staunton's time. "James."—In 159 your conclusion is wrong. White wins even in your first variation. In 160 you have not given Black all his resources. "Tyro."—If you only give one variation, you must give the best for *both* sides, both in 159 and 160 you mark a move of Black as questionable. "G.K."—You won't find this variation in any text book that I wot of—but you must have knowledge of modern openings if you want to be a "player" in contra-distinction to a "wood-shifter," whether it be by purchasing books, or experience gained by playing. You have not criticised Black's play. "A.E.S." You should be interested in the solution of 160. "A.H.T."—Have you no time for the whole ? You have failed to see a resource of Black's. C.J.C. 3. . . , P×P is bad, because of 4 P—K 5 ! Q—K 2 ; 5 Q—K 2. In your solution of 160, after 2 B—R 6, B—K 2 would be better for Black. "Holly."—Why not, if 6. . . , B×Kt ; 7 Q×B, Q—R 5 ch ; 8 P—Kt 3, and wins a Pawn. "R.W.E."—159 wants a little more elaboration. In 160 you have not given Black's best play. "Iacre."—Glad to welcome you. Rev. E. E. Cunningham.—Noted with thanks. "A.T.G."—In 158 you do not give White's best play. In 159 you should have carried on a bit further. Thanks for end-game, will look at it later. J.A.A.—If 9. . . , Q—R 4 ; 10 B—Q 2, P×P ; 11 Kt—Kt 5 would be troublesome. In 158, 3 K×Q is at once fatal. "Knight."—*Re* 158, see answer above. *Re* 155, see notes last month. *Re* 157, after 15 Q—R 3, Q—B 1 is not forced.

OBITUARY.

We much regret to hear of the death of C. T. Blanshard, M.A., at the age of 72. An enthusiastic player, Mr. Blanshard was mostly prominently connected with West of England chess, and in particular he helped to found the Totnes C. C. He published two volumes of *Chess Master-Play* and three of *Classified Chess Openings*.

We also regret the death of T. E. Wheatley Mellor, of Tunbridge Wells, who on occasions assisted Kent in the Metropolitan Counties' Competition.

GAME DEPARTMENT

Games played in the Olympic tournament at Paris. Notes by J. H. Blake.

GAME No. 5,280.

Played in "les Epreuves préliminaires."

Ruy Lopez.

| WHITE | BLACK |
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| M. GOLMAYO | Lieut. GUDJU |
| (Spain) | (Roumania) |
| 1 P—K 4 | 1 P—K 4 |
| 2 Kt—K B 3 | 2 Kt—Q B 3 |
| 3 B—Kt 5 | 3 P—Q R 3 |
| 4 B—R 4 | 4 Kt—B 3 |
| 5 Castles | 5 Kt×P |
| 6 P—Q 4 | 6 P—Q Kt 4 |
| 7 B—Kt 3 | 7 P—Q 4 |
| 8 P×P | 8 B—K 3 |
| 9 P—Q B 3 | 9 B—K 2 |
| 10 B—K 3 | |

10 R—K 1 and 11 Kt—Q 4 being at present under a cloud owing to the success of the Breslau defence (11... Kt×K P), there is a tendency to look upon the text-move as White's best.

10 Castles

11 Q Kt—Q 2 11 Kt×Kt

.....This has the merit of simplicity, and enables him to go forward early upon the orthodox line. Wolf v. Tarrasch, Mährisch-Ostrau, was continued 11... B—K Kt 5; 12 Kt×Kt, P×Kt; 13 Q—Q 5, P×Kt; 14 Q×Kt, P×P; 15 Q×P at Kt 2, Q—Q 2; 16 Q—Kt 3.

12 Q×Kt 12 Kt—R 4
13 B—B 2 13 P—K B 4

.....He should now proceed with 13... Kt—B 5, and White has nothing better than 14 Q—B 1, for if 14 Q—Q 3, P—Kt 3; 15 P Kt 3 (15 B—R 6, Kt×Kt P; 16 Q—K 2, R—K 1),

B—K B 4; 16 Q—K 2, Kt×B; 17 P×Kt, B×B; 18 Q×B, B—B 4 with the better game.

14 P—Q Kt 3 14 P—B 4
15 Kt—Kt 5 15 B×Kt

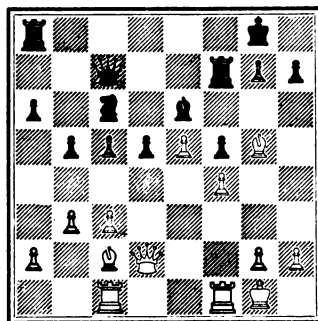
.....There is no need to exchange at present, for if 15... B—B 1; 16 P—K B 4, Kt—B 3, White has nothing better than 17 Kt—B 3.

16 B×B 16 Q—B 2
17 P—K B 4 17 Kt—B 3
18 Q R—B 1 18 R—B 2

.....A passive line, leaving the initiative wholly in White's hands. 18... P—Q 5; 19 if B—Kt 1, Q R—B 1 threatens to take an active share in the game with the Knight, and renders White's contemplated advance of P—K Kt 4 somewhat risky.

Position after 18... R—B 2.

BLACK (GUDJU)



WHITE (GOLMAYO)

19 P—K Kt 4! 19 P—Kt 3
 20 P×P 20 P×P
 21 B—B 6 21 P—R 3
 22 Q—Kt 2 ch 22 K—R 2
 23 Q—R 3 23 Kt—K 2
 24 R—B 3 24 Q—Q 2
 25 Q—R 5

25 K—B 2, threatening 26 Q×R P ch, with mate to follow, leaves Black only one reply, viz., 25... Kt—Kt 1, but that is satisfactory. The text-move anticipates this and enables White to meet it with 26 R—R 3.

26 K—B 2 25 R—K Kt 1 ch
 27 R—Kt 3 26 R—Kt 3
 27 R—B 1 27 R—B 1

.....This loses a piece immediately; he appears, however, to have nothing better than to give up the Exchange, as 27... R—Kt 1 provides White with a forced mate by 28 Q×R P ch, and 27... R×R; 28 P×R leaves Black with no answer to 29 P—K Kt 4.

28 B×Kt 28 R×R
 29 B×R 29 R—Kt 3
 30 R—K Kt 1 30 R×R
 31 Q×R P ch 31 K—Kt 1
 32 K×R 32 P—Q 5
 33 B×Q B P 33 P—Q 6
 34 B—Q 1 34 Q—Q 4
 35 Q—Kt 6 ch 35 K—R 1
 36 B—K 7 36 Resigns

GAME No. 5, 281.

Played in "le Tournoi subsidiaire."

Ruy Lopez.

Le Monde des Ech. 11/3/11

WHITE BLACK
 RAMON REY ARDID J. KLECZYNSKI
 (Spain) (Poland)

1 P—K 4 1 P—K 4
 2 Kt—K B 3 2 Kt—Q B 3
 3 B—Kt 5 3 P—Q R 3
 4 B—R 4 4 Kt—B 3
 5 Castles 5 Kt×P
 6 P—Q 4 6 P—Q Kt 4
 7 B—Kt 3 7 P—Q 4
 8 P×P 8 B—K 3
 9 P—Q B 3 9 B—Q B 4

.....This move came into some favour about thirty years ago, and even received a qualified support from Dr. Tarrasch; but the weight of opinion (likewise the personal practice of the authority named) is in favour of 9... B—K 2.

10 Q Kt—Q 2 10 Castles
 11 B—B 2 11 Kt×B P

.....An unsound sacrifice. The best variation is 11... P—B 4; 12 P×P e.p., Kt×P; 13 Kt—Kt 3, B—Q 3 (best); 14 Q Kt—Q 4.

12 R×Kt 12 P—K B 3
 13 P×P 13 Q×P
 14 Kt—Kt 3 14 B×R ch
 15 K×B 15 Kt—K 4
 16 Kt—B 5! 16 B—Kt 5
 17 Q×P ch. 17 K—R 1
 18 Q—K 4 18 Q—R 5 ch
 19 K—Kt 1 19 Kt×Kt ch
 20 P×Kt 20 Q R—K 1
 21 B—Kt 5!

If 21 Q×B Black forces mate in six commencing 21... Q—K 8 ch; but the text-move destroys Black's chances effectually.

22 B×Q 21 R×Q
 23 P×B 22 R—K 4
 24 B—B 2 23 P—K Kt 4
 24 Resigns

GAME NO. 5,282.

Played in "le Tournoi des Vainqueurs."

Ruy Lopez.

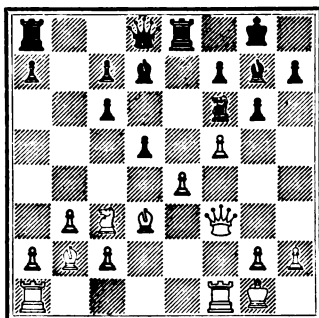
WHITE
M. GOLMAYO
(Spain)

BLACK
K. HAVASI
(Hungary)

between 14.., R—K B 1 and
14.., P×P (to block the King's
Bishop's file).

Position after 14.., P—Q 4.

BLACK (HAVASI)



WHITE (GOLMAYO)

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|------------|------------|
| 1 P—K 4 | 1 P—K 4 |
| 2 Kt—K B 3 | 2 Kt—Q B 3 |
| 3 B—Kt 5 | 3 P—Q 3 |
| 4 P—Q 4 | 4 B—Q 2 |
| 5 Kt—B 3 | 5 Kt—B 3 |
| 6 Castles | 6 B—K 2 |
| 7 P—Q Kt 3 | |

7 R—K 1 is usually played ; it
compels Black to exchange Pawns
(see p. 36, *B.C.M.*, February last).
The usual alternative is 7 B—Kt 5.

7 P×P

.....Here the exchange is
premature ; he should Castle and
follow with .., R—K 1.

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| 8 Kt×P | 8 Castles |
| 9 Kt×Kt | 9 P×Kt |
| 10 B—Q 3 | 10 R—K 1 |

.....10.., P—Q 4 promises to
free his game much more quickly.

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| 11 B—Kt 2 | 11 B—B 1 |
| 12 P—K B 4 | 12 P—Kt 3 ? |
| 13 Q—B 3 | 13 B—Kt 2 |
| 14 P—B 5 | 14 P—Q 4 |

.....But now it is very weak ;
he has plainly not reckoned with
White's reply. His choice lies

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| 15 P—K 5 ! | 15 R×P |
| 16 Kt—K 2 | 16 R—K 2 |

His only hope is in giving
up the Exchange for a second
Pawn, by 16.., R×P ; 17 B×R,
B×B ; 18 Q R—K 1 (if 18 B×
Kt, B×B), Kt—Q 4.

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| 17 P×P | 17 B—Kt 5 |
| 18 P×R P ch | 18 K—R 1 |

.....If 18.., K—B 1 the reply
is still 19 Q×Kt.

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| 19 Q×Kt ! | 19 Resigns |
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GAME NO. 5,283.

Played in "le Tournoi des Vainqueurs."

Queen's Gambit Declined.

WHITE
K. HAVASI
(Hungary)

BLACK
M. EUWE
(Holland)

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|------------|------------|
| 1 P—Q 4 | 1 P—Q 4 |
| 2 Kt—K B 3 | 2 Kt—K B 3 |
| 3 P—B 4 | 3 P—B 3 |
| 4 Kt—B 3 | 4 P×P |
| 5 P—K 3 | 5 P—Q Kt 4 |

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|-----------|----------|
| 6 P—Q R 4 | 6 P—Kt 5 |
| 7 Kt—Kt 1 | |

Alekhine's move, 7 Kt—R 2,
leaving Black with two Pawns *en
prise*, is the best disproof of Black's
line of defence.

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| 8 Kt—K 5 | 7 B—R 3 |
| | 8 Q—Q 4 |

9 Q—B 2
10 Q—K 2

9 P—Kt 6

19 P—B 3

Deliberately, but unwisely, inviting 10... P—B 6; for after 10... P—B 6; 11 Q Kt×P, B×Q; 12 Kt×Q, B×B; 13 Kt—B 7 ch, K—Q 1; 14 Kt×R, B×P, White has no way of avoiding the loss of another piece for the Exchange temporarily won.

10 P—K 3

11 B—Q 2

Still hoping for ... P—B 6, which would now turn in White's favour, as after ... K—Q 1 White could continue B—R 5, and the Black Bishop can no longer defend the King's Bishop's Pawn by getting back to Q 4. But playing for traps is a poor policy for the opening; the straightforward course of 11 Kt×P (B 4) is the right one; then Black has nothing better than ... B—K 2 or ... P—B 4, for if 11... B—Kt 5 ch; 12 B—Q 2, B×B ch; 13 Q Kt×B, and wins the advanced Black Pawn.

11 Kt—K 5!

12 Kt×P (B 4) 12 Kt×B
13 Q Kt×Kt 13 B—Kt 5
14 Q—Q 3

14 R—B 1 is much stronger, as he can afterwards release the pinned Knight by moving the Queen off the Bishop's diagonal, and the Black Queen's Knight's Pawn remains in the air.

14 B×Kt ch

15 K×B
16 K—K 1

15 Castles

Not 16 P—K 4, because of 16... B×Kt winning a Pawn. But the text-move is too passive. 16 R—B 1 is still good; if 16... P—Q B 4; 17 P×P; if 16... R—Q 1, 17 P—B 4!, P—Q B 4; 18 P×P; if 16... Kt—Q 2; 17 P—K 4, Q—Kt 4 ch; 18 Q—K 3, Q×Q ch; 19 P×Q.

16 Kt—Q 2

17 Q—B 3
18 R—Q 1

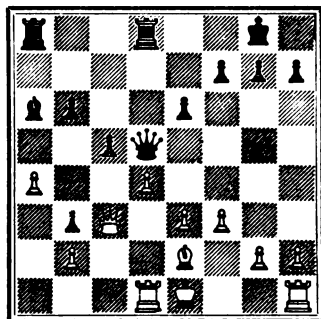
17 P—Q B 4
18 K R—Q 1

19 Kt—Kt 3
20 P×Kt
21 B—K 2

21 K—B 2 was relatively better; but then 21... P—B 5 eventually wins White's Queen's Rook's Pawn.

Position after 21 B—K 2.

BLACK (EUWE)



WHITE (HAVASI)

21 Q—Kt 4
22 P×P
23 Q R—B 1
24 P—B 4

There is no course here to save the game. If 24 Q×P, R×R; 25 P×R, R—B 8 ch; 26 B—Q 1, Q—R 4 ch wins. If 24 R×R ch, Q×R; 25 Q×Q Kt P, R—B 8 ch; 26 B—Q 1, B—B 5 wins. If 24 Q—Q 2, R×R; 25 Q×R, B×B; 26 K×B, R—B 7 ch; 27 K—Q 1, Q—Q 4 wins.

24 R×Q
25 R×R
26 P—Kt 7
25 P×Q
26 Kt P×R
27 Resigns

For after 27 K—B 2, R—Q 7 wins.

GAME No. 5,284.

Played in "le Tournoi des Vainqueurs."

Queen's Gambit Declined.

| WHITE M. EUWE (Holland) | BLACK J. PALAU (Argentine) |
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| 1 Kt—K B 3 | 1 Kt—K B 3 |
| 2 P—Q 4 | 2 P—Q 4 |
| 3 P—Q B 4 | 3 P—K 3 |
| 4 Kt—Q B 3 | 4 Q Kt—Q 2 |
| 5 B—Kt 5 | 5 B—Kt 5 |

..... An unconventional move of doubtful value.

6 P—K 3

6 P×P, P×P; 7 P—Q R 3 compels Black to play ... B×Kt ch on pain of losing his Queen's Pawn.

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|---------|---------|
| 7 P×Q P | 6 P—B 4 |
| 8 P×P | 7 K P×P |

This gives away control of the centre; 8 B—K 2 (or Q 3) and 9 Castles was the right course. Sooner or later Black must make an inadvisable exchange by ... B×Kt or lose a move by withdrawing his Bishop. White's next two moves with the Queen leave him with a losing game.

| | |
|-------------|--------------|
| 9 Q—Q 4? | 8 Q—R 4 |
| 10 Q—K R 4? | 9 B×P |
| 11 B—Q 3 | 10 Kt—K 5 |
| 12 P×Kt | 11 Kt×Kt |
| 13 K—K 2 | 12 Q×B P ch |
| 14 Kt—Q 2 | 13 Q—Kt 7 ch |
| 15 K R—Q 1 | 14 B—Kt 5 |
| 16 Q R—Kt 1 | 15 B—B 6 |

Black threatens to force an exchange of Queens by ... Q—Kt 5. 16 Q R—B 1, intending 17 R—B 2, would limit White's loss to a single Pawn. The threat to Black's Queen's Knight's Pawn, latent in White's 16th and 17th moves, is futile; because if that

Pawn were captured ... Q—R 3 ch afterwards would win the Rook.

16 Q×P

17 B—B 5

Not good, as the reply shows. His prospects are now so poor that one Black passed Pawn more or less does not matter; therefore 17 P—K 4, if P—Q 5; 18 B—Q B 4 offers a chance of releasing his pieces and getting some attack. He is permitted no further chance of this.

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|-------------|--------------|
| 18 Q R—B 1 | 17 Kt—K 4! |
| 19 R×B | 18 B×B |
| 20 K—K 1 | 19 Q—R 3 ch |
| 21 R×Kt | 20 Kt—Q 6 ch |
| 22 B—K 7 | 21 B×R |
| 23 B—Kt 4 | 22 P—B 3 |
| 24 B—R 3 | 23 Q—K 3 |
| 25 Kt—B 3 | 24 K—B 2 |
| 26 Q—B 4 | 25 B—K 5 |
| 27 Q—B 7 ch | 26 B×Kt |
| 28 P×B | 27 K—Kt 3 |
| 29 Q×P | 28 K R—Q B 1 |
| 30 Q×Q | 29 Q—B 3 |
| 31 R×P | 30 R×Q |
| 32 P—B 4 | 31 R—B 7 |
| 33 P—B 5 ch | 32 R—R 7 |
| 34 B—Q 6 | 33 K—Kt 4 |
| 35 P—K 4 | 34 K—Kt 5 |
| 36 K—B 1 | 35 R—K 1 |
| 37 P—R 3 ch | 36 R×P |
| 38 R—Q 3 ch | 37 K×P |
| 39 R—K Kt 3 | 38 K—R 5 |
| 40 K—Kt 2 | 39 R—R 8 ch |
| 41 Resigns | 40 R—K Kt 5 |

A good example of the careful and accurate style cultivated by the leading Argentine players; but Mr. Euwe's play in this game and the next shows at this late stage of the tournament (7th and 8th rounds) distinct signs of fatigue.

GAME No. 5,285.

Played in "le Tournoi des Vainqueurs."

Four Knights' Opening.

WHITE
F. APSCHENEK
(Latvia)

- 1 P—K 4
2 Kt—K B 3
3 Kt—B 3
4 B—Kt 5
5 Castles
6 P—Q 3
7 B—Kt 5
8 Kt—K R 4

BLACK
M. EUWE
(Holland)

- 1 P—K 4
2 Kt—Q B 3
3 Kt—B 3
4 B—Kt 5
5 Castles
6 P—Q 3
7 Kt—K 2

Compare Game No. 5,240, June.

- 9 B—Q B 4
10 P×P
8 P—Q B 3
9 P—Q 4

A game Atkins v. Blake, Glasgow, 1911, was continued 10 B—Kt 3, Q—Q 3; 11 P×P, and the *Handbuch* remarks that 11 Q—B 3 was White's best; an opinion subsequently endorsed by Capablanca, who played that move in a simultaneous game against the annotator.

- 11 P×B
10 B×Kt
11 K Kt×P

.....11... Q Kt×P is probably better, as 12 Q—R 5 in reply to the text-move would give Black an uncomfortable game.

- 12 Q—K 1
12 K—R 1

.....Either 12... Q—Q 3 or ... R—K 1 would enable Black to meet 13 P—Q 4 with P×P. The prospect of opening the King's Knight's file having disappeared there is no sufficient reason for moving the King.

- 13 P—Q 4
14 B—Q 2
13 P—B 3
14 Kt—Kt 1

.....A speculative continuation hardly justified by the state of the game. The exchange of Pawns, followed by .. R—K 1 is a good line.

- 15 P×P
16 Kt—B 3
15 P×P
16 R×Kt

.....Now Black finds himself embarrassed as the result of his 14th move, and plunges. 16... B—B 4 is not an ideal course, but might serve; it threatens ... P—K 5. If 17 B—Q 3, B×B; 18 P×B, Kt—B 5!

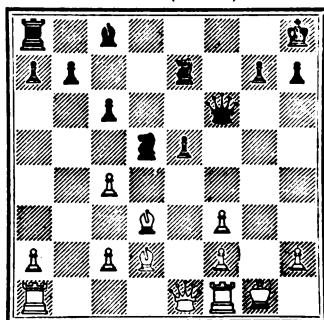
- 17 P×R
17 Q—B 3

.....If 17... B—R 6 White plays 18 Q×P, coming out with a Pawn up and two Bishops against two Knights.

- 18 B—Q 3
19 P—Q B 4
18 Q Kt—K 2

Position after 19 P—Q B 4.

BLACK (EUWE)



WHITE (APSCHENEK)

- 19 Kt—K Kt 3

.....No quiet course will avail any longer.

- 20 P×Kt
21 Q—K 4
22 Q×Kt!
23 B×B
24 P×P
20 Kt—R 5
21 B—B 4
22 Q×Q
23 R—B 1

With three pieces, plus the Exchange which Black gave up previously, White has more than an equivalent for his Queen, and could well afford to take things quietly by 24 B—K 4; but he sees that a Pawn at the seventh will be worth more than the piece now given back.

- 24 R×B

| | | | |
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| 25 P×P | 25 R-B 1 | 29 B-B 4 | 29 Q-K B 1 |
| 26 Q R-Kt 1 | 26 R-Q Kt 1 | 30 R×P | 30 Resigns |
| 27 R-Kt 4 | 27 Q-Q 1 |For if 30... R×P; | |
| 28 B-K 3 | 28 P-K 5 | 31 K R-K 1 wins the Queen. | |

GAME No. 5,286. Played in "les Epreuves preliminaires."
Queen's Pawn Opening. White: V. MARIN, Spain. Black: R. GRAU, Argentine.

1 P-Q 4, P-Q 4; 2 P-K 3, Kt-K B 3; 3 B-Q 3, P-K 3;
 4 Kt-K B 3, P-Q B 3; 5 Castles, Q Kt-Q 2; 6 P-Q Kt 3,
 B-K 2; 7 B-Kt 2, Castles; 8 Q Kt-Q 2, P-Q Kt 3; 9 Kt-K 5,
 B-Kt 2; 10 P-K B 4, P-Q B 4; 11 R-B 3, Kt-K 5;
 12 R-R 3, P-B 4; 13 Q Kt-B 3, Q Kt-B 3; 14 Kt-Kt 5,
 B-B 1; 15 B×Kt, P-K R 3; 16 B-Q 3, P×Kt; 17 P×P,
 Kt-Kt 5; 18 Kt×Kt, P×Kt; 19 Q×P, B×P; 20 B-R 7 ch,
 K-R 1; 21 B-B 5 ch, K-Kt 1; 22 B×P ch, B×B; 23 Q×B ch,
 R-B 2; 24 R-K B 1, B-B 3; 25 P×P, Q-K 1; 26 Q×Q ch,
 R×Q; 27 B×B, Resigns.

GAME No. 5,287. Played in "le Tournoi des Vainqueurs."
Irregular Opening. White: A. VAJDA, Hungary. Black: A. TSCHEPURNOFF, Finland.

1 P-Q 4, P-Q B 4; 2 P-Q 5, P-Q 3; 3 P-Q B 4, P-K 4;
 4 P-K 4, P-K B 4; 5 Kt-Q B 3, Kt-K B 3; 6 B-Q 3,
 P-K Kt 3; 7 B-Kt 5, P-K R 3; 8 B×Kt, Q×B; 9 P×P,
 P×P; 10 Q-R 5 ch, Q-B 2; 11 Q-R 3, Kt-R 3; 12 B-K 2
 P-K R 4; 13 B-Q 1, B-Q 2; 14 K Kt-K 2, Kt-Kt 5;
 15 P-B 4, P-K 5; 16 Kt-B 1, Castles; 17 P-R 3, Kt-R 3;
 18 P-Q Kt 4, B-Kt 2; 19 Q R-Kt 1, Q R-Kt 1; 20 K Kt-K 2,
 P-Kt 3; 21 P-Kt 5, Kt-B 2; 22 Q-K 3, B-B 3; 23 Q-R 3,
 Q-Kt 2; 24 K-B 1, P-R 5; 25 B-Kt 3, R-R 3; 26 Kt-Q 1,
 B-Q 5; 27 Kt-B 2, Kt-K 1; 28 B-Q 1, Kt-B 3; 29 P-R 4,
 P-K 6; 30 Kt-Q 3, Kt-K 5; 31 Q R-B 1, Kt-Q 7 ch;
 32 K-Kt 1, K-Kt 2; 33 Kt-K 1, Kt-K 5; 34 Q-B 3, Kt-B 7;
 35 P-R 5, B-K 1; 36 Kt×B, P×Kt; 37 Q-K 2, B-R 4;
 38 Q-R 2, B×B; 39 P×P?, Kt-R 6 ch; 40 K-B 1, P-K 7 ch
 41 Resigns.

GAME No. 5,288. Played in "les Epreuves preliminaires."
French Defence. White: L. MILIANI, Italy. Black: J. J. O'HANLON,
 Ireland.

1 P-K 4, P-K 3; 2 P-Q 4, P-Q 4; 3 Kt-Q 2, P-Q B 4;
 4 P×Q P, K P×P; 5 K Kt-B 3, Kt-K B 3; 6 P-Q B 3, Kt-B 3;
 7 P×P, B×P; 8 Q-K 2 ch, B-K 3; 9 Kt-Kt 3, B-Kt 3;
 10 B-K 3, B×B; 11 Q×B, Castles; 12 B-Q 3, R-K 1;
 13 Castles Q R, B-Kt 5; 14 Q-B 4, Q-Kt 3; 15 R-Q 2, P-Q R 4;
 16 P-K R 3, B×Kt; 17 P×B, P-R 5; 18 Kt-Q 4, P-R 6;
 19 K R-Kt 1, Kt-K 4; 20 P-Kt 3, Q R-B 1; 21 B-Kt 5,
 R×P ch; 22 K-Kt 1, Kt-Kt 3; 23 Q-Kt 3, Kt-K 5; 24 P×Kt,
 R×Q; 25 R-Q B 1, R×K P; 26 Kt-B 5, R×R P; 27 R×P,
 P-K R 3; 28 Resigns.

GAME No. 5,289.—Played in “les Epreuves preliminaires.”
Irregular Opening. White: G. RENAUD, France. Black: E. VOELLMY, Switzerland.

1 P—Q 4, Kt—K B 3; 2 Kt—K B 3, P—K Kt 3; 3 B—B 4, B—Kt 2; 4 P—K R 3, P—Q 4; 5 Q Kt—Q 2, Q Kt—Q 2; 6 P—K 3, P—B 4; 7 P—Q B 3, Q—Kt 3; 8 Q—B 2, Castles; 9 B—Q 3, Kt—K 1; 10 P—K R 4, Q Kt—B 3; 11 P×P, Q×B P; 12 B—K 5, Kt—Kt 5; 13 Kt—Kt 3, Q—Kt 3; 14 B×B, Kt×B; 15 Kt—Kt 5, P—K 4; 16 Q—K 2, P—K 5; 17 B—B 2, Kt—K 4; 18 Kt—R 3, B—Kt 5; 19 Q—Q 2, Kt—B 5; 20 Q—B 1, Kt—B 4; 21 Kt—B 4, Q R—Q 1; 22 Kt—K 2, B×Kt; 23 K×B, Q—K B 3; 24 P—R 5, Kt (B 5)×K P; 25 P×Kt, Kt—Kt 6 ch; 26 K—K 1, Kt×R; 27 Resigns.

GAME No. 5,290.—Played in the Minor tournament of the Brooklyn Chess Club, and awarded the special prize for the best played game in that tournament. *Centre Counter.* White: J. HERBERT WATSON. Black: J. H. NORWOOD.

1 P—K 4, P—Q 4; 2 P×P, Q×P; 3 Kt—Q B 3, Q—Q 1; 4 P—Q 4, Kt—K B 3; 5 Kt—B 3, B—B 4; 6 B—Q B 4, P—K 3; 7 Castles, B—K 2; 8 R—K 1, Castles; 9 P—Q R 3, P—B 3; 10 Kt—K R 4, B—K Kt 5; 11 P—B 3, Kt—Q 4; 12 P×B, Kt×Kt; 13 P×Kt, B×Kt; 14 P—Kt 3, B—Kt 4; 15 B—Kt 2, Kt—Q 2; 16 R—Kt 1, Kt—Kt 3; 17 B—Q 3, B—B 3; 18 Q—B 3, Kt—R 5; 19 B—R 1, R—Kt 1; 20 R—Kt 4, Kt—Kt 3; 21 Q—K 4, P—Kt 3; 22 R—Kt 3, Q—Q 4; 23 R—K B 1, Q×Q; 24 B×Q, K—Kt 2; 25 B—Q 3, K R—Q 1; 26 P—K R 4, Kt—Q 4; 27 R—B 3, P—K R 3; 28 R—Kt 1, B—K 2; 29 Q R—K B 1, R—K B 1; 30 B—Kt 2, Kt—B 3; 31 P—Kt 5, P×P; 32 P×P, Kt—Q 4; 33 P—B 4, Kt—B 2; 34 P—Q 5 ch, K—Kt 1; 35 B—K 5, B—B 4 ch; 36 K—Kt 2, Q R—B 1; 37 R—K R 1, P—B 3; 38 P×P, K P×P; 39 P—B 7 ch, R×P; 40 R—R 8 mate. Dr. Emanuel Lasker writes: “As an example of strategy as well as in respect of tactics, this game makes a pleasing impression and is of high value. It is certainly worthy of the distinction that it has received.”

GAME No. 5,291.—Played in the last tournament for the championship of Victoria (see p. 316). *Centre Counter.* White: C. G. STEELE. Black: S. WOJNARSKI.

1 P—K 4, P—Q 4; 2 P×P, Q×P; 3 Kt—Q B 3, Q—R 4; 4 P—Q 4, P—K 4; 5 P×P, B—Q Kt 5; 6 B—Q 2, Kt—Q B 3; 7 P—Q R 3, Kt—Q 5; 8 K Kt—K 2, B—Kt 5; 9 P—B 3, B×B P; 10 P×B, Kt×P ch; 11 K—B 2, Kt×K P; 12 P×B, Q—Kt 3 ch; 13 K—Kt 2, Q—B 3 ch; 14 K—R 3, Q—K 3 ch; 15 K—Kt 2, Q—B 3 ch, and the game was drawn.

Erratum.—Game No. 5,268. In the note on White's 7th move, after “7 Kt—Q B 3” add “P—B 3.”

PROBLEM WORLD.

BY B. G. LAWS AND G. W. CHANDLER.

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B.C.P.S. ANNUAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT.

The first of these tournaments attracted comparatively few entries, and the general standard was hardly so high as might have been expected. But it must be borne in mind that two or three of our leading composers in the two-move field are not yet members of the Society, and also that 1923 could hardly be considered a good year for British composers generally. Moreover, a few members who do not take the *B.C.M.* were not aware of the conditions. This matter will be remedied in future years.

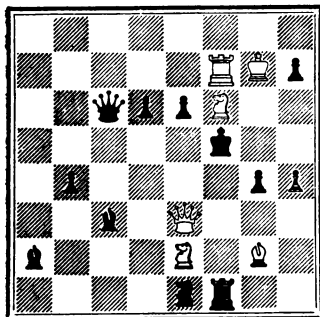
The Committee found it practicable to leave the judging in the three-move section to the competitors themselves, but in the other sections, owing to the fewness of the entries and to too large a proportion of inexperienced competitors, they considered it would be in the best interests of all to depart from the original intention and to have the entries judged by experts who were not themselves competitors. The two-movers were accordingly submitted to Messrs. A. W. Daniel, B. Harley, B. G. Laws, C. Mansfield, W. H. Thompson and E. E. Westbury, whose combined awards leave no doubt as to the leading entry. The four-movers were adjudicated by Messrs. B. G. Laws, W. H. Thompson and G. W. Chandler, who were unanimous in their placing.

The judges have selected the following as the best problems published by members of the B.C.P.S. during 1923.

By W. LANGSTAFF.

B.C.M., September, 1923.

BLACK (12 pieces)



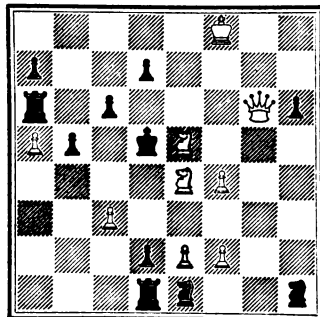
WHITE (6 pieces)

White mates in two moves.

By A. C. CHALLENGER.

The Observer, December, 1923.

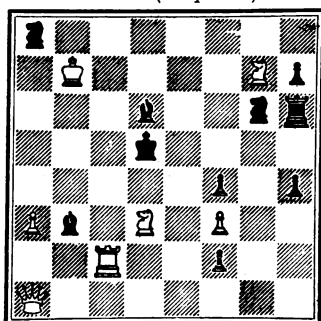
BLACK (11 pieces)



WHITE (9 pieces)

White mates in three moves.

By P. F. BLAKE.
B.C.M., June, 1923.
 BLACK (10 pieces)



WHITE (7 pieces)
 White mates in four moves.

After a reasonable interval for possible objections these three problems will be suitably diagrammed and framed for permanent exhibition on the walls of the Society's room.

We believe next month the award of the judges in the three-move Self-Mate Tourney will be ready. They have agreed the order of the principal entries and the written report is being prepared.

The Grantham Journal have arranged a two-move Tourney. Competitors may send in three problems without *nom de plume*, etc. by the 29th November next, addressed to the Chess Editor, *Journal* Offices, Grantham. The judges are to be Messrs. J. Keeble and C. S. Kipping, with probably J. R. Neukomm, of Budapest. The prizes are : first, £1 1s. ; second, 10/6, with special prizes for the best Threat, best Mutate or Change-mate, Block-threat, Incomplete Block and for the best " original " problem sent by a solver of the *Journal*.


The Chess Compositions of E. B. Cook, of Hoboken, with critical and historical notes by Dr. H. Keidanz.

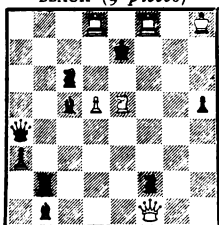
This is the title of a work now in the press and will be ready for delivery in a few months. It will contain 420 pages with portrait of the late composer, sketch of his life and 720 diagrams. A posthumous article entitled " Historical sequence of Chess Problems," revised by John G. White, of Cleveland, will be one of the features.

E. B. Cook was well known as a fine composer in this country forty to sixty years ago, and there is no doubt his influence was very great in advancing the study of composition. He died on March 19th, 1915, and the Good Companion Chess Problem Club issued in December of that year a special memorial number with some highly interesting matter. Alain C. White's appreciation of this versatile composer was therein reproduced from the *American Chess Bulletin*, which wound up in these words : " This fine figure has passed from among us and the last of the pioneers of American chess problem history leaves us as his heritage the example of a long and useful life, full of enthusiasm and research, eagerly carrying on the cause of this noble game." The subscription price is \$3 (unbound), \$3.75 (cloth bound). Address : T. F. Hatfield, Public Library, Hoboken, New Jersey, U.S.A.


SAXONY CHESS ASSOCIATION TWELFTH CONGRESS PROBLEM TOURNEY.

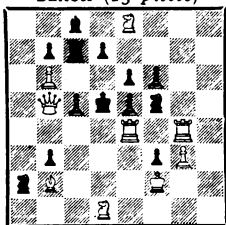
Two-movers.

First Prize. 
By E. BAUMGARTEN.
BLACK (9 pieces)



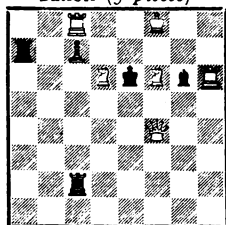
WHITE (6 pieces)
Mate in two.

Second Prize. 
By E. ULLRICH.
BLACK (13 pieces)



WHITE (9 pieces)
Mate in two.


Third Prize.
By Dr. G. KAISER.
BLACK (5 pieces)

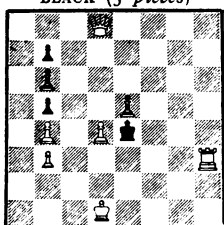


WHITE (6 pieces)
Mate in two.

Hon. mentions : Dr. R. Leopold, K. Laue and O. Dehler.

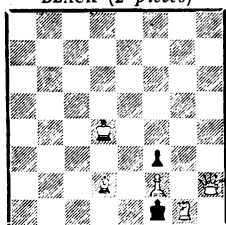
Three-movers.

First Prize. 
By Dr. E. ZIMMER.
BLACK (5 pieces)



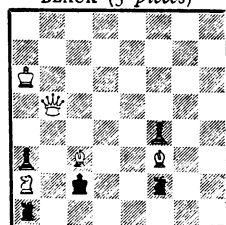
WHITE (6 pieces)
Mate in three.

Second Prize.
By Dr. E. ZIMMER.
BLACK (2 pieces)



WHITE (5 pieces)
Mate in three.

Third Prize.
By M. WIENER.
BLACK (5 pieces)

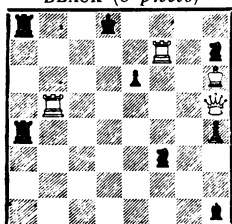


WHITE (5 pieces)
Mate in three.

Hon. mentions : W. v. Pittler, E. O. Martin and O. Dehler.

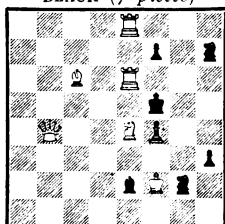
By M. HAVEL.
From "Bohemian Garnets."

No 55 D.
BLACK (8 pieces)



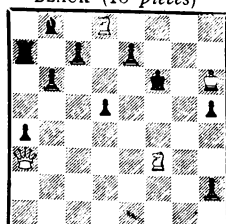
WHITE (4 pieces)
Mate in three.

No. 86 D.
BLACK (7 pieces)



WHITE (6 pieces)
Mate in three.

No. 95.
BLACK (10 pieces)



WHITE (4 pieces)
Mate in three.

Mr. George Hume, who edited *Bohemian Garnets*, to which we made reference in our January, February and August numbers, has kindly drawn our attention to two typographical mistakes in the

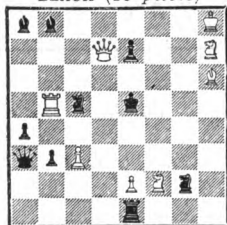
corrections given at page 338 last month. We think the best *amende* we can make is to print the positions which have been set right by the composer, calling special attention to No. 95. 1 Kt—Q 4 does not now solve this on account of the ingenious 1. ., P Queens; 2 Q—K 3, Q—Q B 8!

Daily News Half-yearly Tourney.

Best Two-er. **T**

By J. NIELD
(Blackpool).

BLACK (10 pieces)

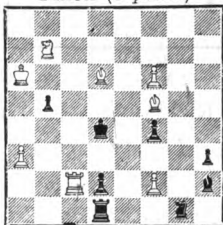


WHITE (8 pieces)
Mate in two.

Best Three-er. **T**

By A. C. CHALLENGER
(London).

BLACK (8 pieces)

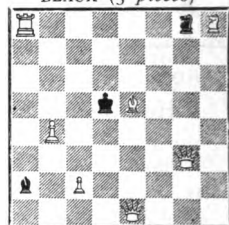


WHITE (8 pieces)
Mate in three.

Extra Prize for Most
Difficult and Economical
Three-er.

By R. H. BRIDGWATER
(Birmingham).

BLACK (3 pieces)



WHITE (7 pieces)
Mate in three.

We do not know if the prize offered for the "most difficult and economical three-er" applied to the position deserving the distinction outside the three-mover which secured honours as the "best three-er." R. H. Bridgwater's problem may be found by the inexperienced solver difficult, but it cannot be said to be so with those accustomed to three-movers. This is a small matter, however. What we cannot understand is that it is regarded by the judge as the "most economical." It is, as a matter of fact, very deficient in this quality and reflects adversely upon the other entries. In no case are all White's pieces engaged in one continuation, and there is positive absence of economy in the mates.

We are pleased to acknowledge full and correct solutions of the two special problems which we gave in June, "Tom Tiddler's Ground" and "The Roll Call," by F. E. Purchas, from S. G. de C. Ireland of Muttra, India.

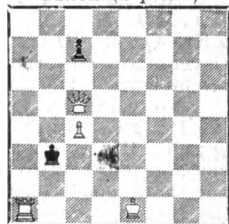
Reverting to the help-mate phantasy which we quoted last July from *Fern vom Alltag* (page 297), C. D. Locock has written us that this appeared in the *Chess Amateur* as by himself, but with the stipulation that White's first move should be 1 P—Q R 3. At the same time T. R. Dawson gave a similar proposition naming 1 P—Q R 4 as first move, the play continuing, 1. ., P—Q B 4; 2 P—R 5, Q×P; 3 R×Q followed by 4 R—Q B 5 and mating at Q B 8. If the condition is added that the Black King makes a move then 1 P—Q R 4, P—K Kt 3; 2 R—R 3, B—Kt 2; 3 R—Q 3, Kt—R 3; 4 R×P, K—B 1; 5 R×Q.

These may interest some of our readers who fancy such eccentric fare.

Two correspondents are curious to see the position referred to in our Review. As it has been the cause of some amusement and argument in the past, it may yet serve in like manner. We believe it first appeared in *The Leisure Hour* as a Christmas puzzle. In May 1902 Dr. Planck addressed a letter to our Magazine headed "Wanted a new Rule," quoting this curiosity. To-day the stipulation would have to be supplemented by some such addition as "under the Laws of Chess prevailing forty years ago"! We have frequently shown this position to chess friends, sometimes with a second White Rook at K R 1 with the object of making the keymove less likely. It has never been offered for solution as a serious proposition, but more as a travesty.

By B. G. LAWS

BLACK (2 pieces)



WHITE (4 pieces)

White mates in two moves.

SOLVERS' SCORE—"LADDER" COMPETITION.

Problems (July) 2,475 to 2,478 inclusive.

*J. A. Allcock (750+40 June=790) 5-5-10-0 (810); Dr. R. Tennant Bruce (360) 5-5-10-0 (380); **A. T. Cannell (755) 5-5-10-10 (785); J. Chadwick (Sydney) (100); R. W. Clark (Canada) (695) 5-5-10-10 (725); *W. H. Cutland (75) 5-5-10-10 (105); **F. J. Dennis (415); J. C. Derlien (375) 5-5-10-10 (405); Rev. A. T. Dean (240) 5-5-10-10 (270); *B. V. Darbishire (15 June); G. Fegent (675) 5-5-0-10 (695); *C. Folley (90+20 June=110) 5-5-10-10 (140); **Albert Haddy (0) 5-5-10-10 (30); **W. F. Herbert (365) 5-5-10-10 (395); J. A. Hatherill (195) 5-5-10-10 (225); Rev. F. O'D. Hoare (170) 5-0-10-10 (195); †G. Stillingfleet Johnson (275) 5-5-10-10 (305); N. V. Joshi (Pusa, India) (185+20 for No. 2,474=205) 5-5-10-10 (235); **Frederick Lee (485) 5-5-10-10 (515); *J. A. Lewis (40) 5-5-10-10 (70); *Hubert Lees (Auckland) (155+30 May=185); T. W. R. Leistikow (190); **Rev. N. Munro (180) 5-5-10-10 (210); R. J. Minns (580) 5-5-10-0 (600); D. Murray (170) 5-5-10-10 (200); Johannes Nielson (685) 5-5-10-10 (715); **A. Peacock (350) 5-5-10-10 (380); T. Rosenfeld (265); *R. G. Thomson (395) 5-5-10-10 (425); O. L. Telling (Monte Carlo) (750) 5-5-10-10 (780); "Tiro" (Ribe, Denmark) (105) 5-5-10-10 (135); R. G. Tyzack (55) 5-5-0-10 (75); Rev. E. Wells (735) 5-5-10-10 (765); M. E. L. Wills (Gibraltar) (40) 5-0-0-0 (45); *W. A. Way (Malay States) (175).

We ought to have credited J. A. Allcock with 30 instead of 20 for the May problems; we have above put his score right which is the highest this month, thus he makes his first ascent to the top.

Both in the case of Rev. T. O'D. Hoare and "Tiro," we omitted to credit them with 5 for 2,472 which we have added to their brought forward scores this month. The former sent by separate letter which was overlooked, solution to 2,474 which means a further 20 (25 in all) to be added.

SOLUTIONS.

No. 2,475, by C. H. D. Clark.—1 B—Kt 2. The variety is rather scant for the force employed, but each variation has strategic value. The key is good, and duals are cleverly prevented.

No. 2,476, by R. W. Clark.—1 P—Q 4. An interesting variety problem, in which Black's defences are nicely contrived. Both key and construction have merit.

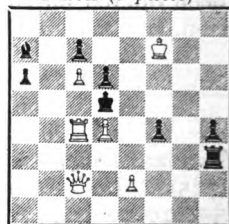
No. 2,477, by F. Simhovici.—1 B—K 7. If 1... R×B; 2 Q—K 8 ch. If 1... B×B; 2 Q×P ch. If 1... R—Q 2; 2 Kt—B 7 ch. If 1... Kt—Q 2; 2 Kt—Q 6 ch. If 1... B—B 2; 2 Kt×B ch. A peculiar block problem with two clever sacrificial variations. The chief mates are models, but they bear a close resemblance. The idea calls for rather lavish use of pieces.

No. 2,478, by J. Cauverren.—1 Q—B 5, threatening 2 Q—B 2 ch. If 1... K×P; 2 Q—B 1 ch. If 1... P—B 7; 2 B—Kt 2 ch. If 1... P×Kt; 2 Q—Q 7 ch. If 1... P×P; 2 Q—B 4 ch. A charming little problem, with a good key and four prettily contrasted models. The problem does not aim at depth, but shows good constructive finish. Were it possible to arrange a capture of the Bishop, another model could be worked in.

By T. Salamanca (p. 338).—1 R—B 4, R—Q 6; 2 P—B 4 ch. If 1... B—Q 4; 2 Q—Kt 4 ch. If 1... others; 2 Q—Q 4 ch. When copying this problem for our last issue, we felt convinced we had seen it before, but as we could not recall its author, elected to be silent. We have since, however, found in the *B.C.M.* for March, 1902 (Vol. XXII, p. 140) the annexed 3-er which was awarded fourth prize in the *Aftonblat* Third Tourney. In view of this antecedent problem Salamanca's honour is nullified, whatever course the Good Companion C.P. Club may decide to do in the matter.

By Dr. E. PALKOSKA.

BLACK (8 pieces)



WHITE (6 pieces)

Mate in three.

By W. A. Shinkman (p. 338).—1 Kt—K 5, K—B 5; 2 Kt—K 2 ch. If 1... K×Kt; 2 Q—Q 2 ch. If 1... K Kt or B moves; 2 Kt—B 5 ch. If 1... Q Kt moves; 2 Kt—Kt 4 ch. If 1... P—B 6; 2 Kt—B 4 ch. One is always pleased to see a new work from this "ever green" composer. This is a clever block handling of the Queen, Bishop and two Knights, and the absence of a model mate will not upset the admiration of those who enjoy W.A.S.'s dainties.

By H. Weenink (p. 338).—1 Q—Kt 6, B—B 3; 2 R—Kt 1. If 1... Kt—B 3; 2 K—B 4. This is not up to the usual mark reached by this popular composer. The Key is very restrictive, but there are two clever ideas blended. The construction is a little awkward.

By O. Nagy (p. 339).—1 Kt—Kt 4. A capital key, giving Black King four flight squares. Variety is unfortunately limited to two White responses.

By A. Jakab (p. 339).—1 Q—Q 7. A pleasantly-varied "threat," the three counter or cross checks being changed. The key is somewhat easy to settle upon, and the duals, though inevitable, are not nice.

By Elekes, Schor and Neukomm (p. 339).—1 P—Kt 7. The idea here seems to be the giving to the Black King by the first move, five flight squares, not one of which was available in the initial formation. The second move in reply to every defence is the same, so variety is non-existent.

By M. Feigl (p. 339).—1 R (Kt 2)—Kt 3, K—B 3; 2 R—Q 3, Kt—Kt 2 (or K—B 4), (if 2... Kt—Kt 6; 3 R—Q B 4 ch); 3 R×P. If 1... K—Q 4; 2 Q—Kt 6, Kt—B 3 (or K—K 4), (if 2... Kt—Kt 6; 3 R×P ch, if 2... Kt—B 5; 3 R—Q 4 ch); 3 R—K 3. If 1... Kt—B 5; 2 R—Q 3, Kt—Kt 3 (if 2... Kt—K 6; 3 P×Kt, if 2... Kt else; 3 Q—Q 6 ch); 3 Q—Kt 7. If 1... Kt—Kt 2; 2 R×P ch, K—B 3 (if 2... K—Kt 3; 3 R—Q B 3); 3 R—Q 3. If 1... Kt—Kt 6; 2 Q—B 7 ch, K—Q 4 (if 2... K—Kt 4; 3 R×Kt ch); 3 R—K 3. If 1... Kt—B 3; 2 R×P ch, Kt—K 4 (if 2... K—B 5; 3 Q—Kt 3 or 5 ch; if 2... K—K 5; 3 Q—Q 6); 3 R—Q B 3 ch. This is a beautiful four-mover and as difficult as it is beautiful. It is true the first move is rather a likely one, but it is the keystone to an arch of artistic construction. It will be observed that the three "pin models" are effected on three different squares. Bearing in mind

this fine achievement it is only natural that the other contents of the problem are not so good, yet one must admire the general accuracy throughout. Mr. A. H. Haddy, who sent us a full solution found 1 Q—B 7 ch a very close "try."

By Dr. E. Palkoska (p. 339).—1 R—Q B 7, K—B 5; 2 R—K 7!, B moves (if 2... R×R, etc.; 3 Q—Q 5 ch, if 2... K—K 5; 3 P×P ch, if 2... Q P moves; 3 Q—Kt 1 or B 2 ch); 3 Q—Q 5. If 1... R—K 1; 2 R—B 5, R—K 4; 3 Q—K 6. If 1... R×Kt; 2 Q—K 6 ch, R—K 4; 3 P×P ch. If 1... P×P; 2 Q—Kt 1 or B 2 ch, K—Q 4; 3 Q—Q 3 ch. If 1... B×R, etc.; 2 P×P ch, K—B 4; 3 Kt—Kt 7 ch. This also is a difficult problem to master, but here the trouble starts from the key-move. The second moves of the Rook in the two main lines are exceedingly clever and like most of Palkoska's work, there is piquancy of idea shown, demonstrating that economy in mating positions is not inconsistent with strategy, which tends to deprive much force from the argument of a few exponents of what has been termed in some quarters as the "new school," that in the illustration of strategical conceits, the quality of the mates need not be considered. Mr. Haddy, who also wrote us on this problem (sending a complete analysis) expressed the pleasure he experienced in solving this capital 4-mover.

By R. H. Bridgwater (p. 340).—1 K—B 2. A clever keymove to an ingenious composition. There is not much play, but what there is, is refreshingly original. It is rather a pity the White Queen's activity is limited to the giving of only two mates, still it is passively concerned in commanding K 5.

By A. F. Kallaway (p. 340).—1 Kt×B P. The capturing keymove appears to be part of the scheme and is in the circumstances quite a good one. The defences made by the King's Rook bring about interesting mates and Kt—Kt 3 with B—B 3 lend colour.

By A. M. Sparke (p. 340).—1 R—K 1. The cross check here is familiar, but the arrangement to produce the discovered mates is well worked out.

By F. Simhovici (p. 340).—1 B—Kt 2, R—B 4; 2 Q—Kt 8. If 1... R—B 1 or 3; 2 Q×P ch. If 1... Q—R 3; 2 Kt—Kt 5. If 1... Q—B 4; 2 Q—K 8 ch. If 1... R×P or others; 2 Q—K 7 ch. The keymove is one quickly decided upon, because the solver soon finds White's King's Pawn must be additionally supported to allow the Queen's Knight effective play. After this one finds the second moves distinctly difficult to be sure about, especially 2 Kt—Kt 5, Q—Kt 8 and Q×P ch. Each continuation has point, and altogether the problem must be commended notwithstanding the artistic feature of the model mate is not present.

By J. K. Speiser (p. 340).—1 B—R 3, Q R—K 3; 2 Kt—Kt 4 dbl ch. If 1... K R—K 3; 2 Kt×P dbl ch. If 1... B—K 3; 2 Kt—B 5 dis ch. If 1... Q—K 3; 2 Kt—B 2 dis ch. If 1... P×Kt; 2 R×P ch. Here we have what may be termed an idea problem, the Knight giving four pinned mates. The threatened mate on the second move is most unsatisfactory in a prize problem and this shortcoming is not made up by the mates, which though cleverly worked in, are novel only to the extent of number. The mate after 1... Q R—K 3; 2 Kt—Kt 4 dbl ch, K—B 4 is rather unexpected.

By G. F. Anderson (p. 340).—1 P—Q 4, P×B P dis ch; 2 R—K 5 dis ch. If 1... P×P e.p. ch; 2 Kt—K 4 dis ch. If 1... K×B; 2 R—Q Kt 1 ch. If 1... Q R—Kt 6; 2 Kt—Q 3 dis ch. If 1... K R—Kt 6; 2 R×R dis ch. If 1... B×Q or others; 2 R—Kt 2 dbl ch. We confess we much prefer this three-mover to the one by Speiser. It has a full measure threat, six continuations, most of them ingenious and not easy to see, and one or two enjoyable mates, though not models. Further, there is a touch of originality which is acceptable. Doubtless the chief drawback is the stationary Queen, but this piece is clearly indispensable for the carrying out this varied scheme.

By C. Kainer (p. 341).—1 B—K B 5, K×P dis ch, Kt×R, K B moves, etc.; 2 B—K 6 ch. If 1... B—B 5; 2 Q—K 6 ch. If 1... P—K 3; 2 Q—Q 6 ch. The allowing of the cross check and the principal mating positions are fairly good, but the paucity of play does not extend interest.

By M. Havel (p. 341).—1 Kt—Kt 3, Kt—B 7; 2 Q—K 6. If 1... P—K 7; 2 B—K 6. If 1... Kt—B 6; 2 R—Q Kt 5. If 1... K×Kt; 2 Q—Kt 1 ch. If 1... others; 2 R—Q 3. The expert solver will at once fix upon the keymove

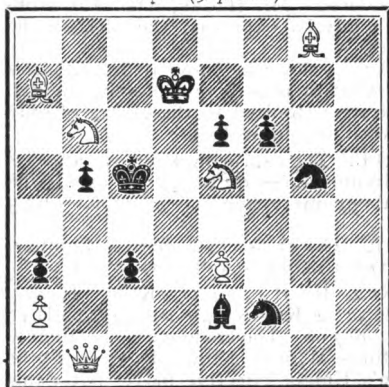
as $K \times R$ is a very strong defence. The four quiet second moves are, however, not so easily detected, in fact the effect of the defence $1 \dots P-K 7$ might even be overlooked. There are three model mates, but two are nearly so. It is remarkable how according to Black's play the Rook is moved to Q Kt 5 and $Q 3$ as also the way in which $2 B-K 6$ and $2 Q-K 6$ are governed.

By T. Matousek (p. 341).— $1 B-R 6, Kt-K 3; 2 B-Kt 1$. If $1 \dots K-B 4; 2 R-K Kt 3$. If $1 \dots Kt-Q 4; 2 B \times Kt$ ch. If $1 \dots$ others; $2 R-K 3$ ch. Beyond the main play there is not much to interest, the variety being on a small scale.

ORIGINAL PROBLEMS.

No. 2,483.

By J. M. HOLFORD
(Wolverhampton).
BLACK (9 pieces)

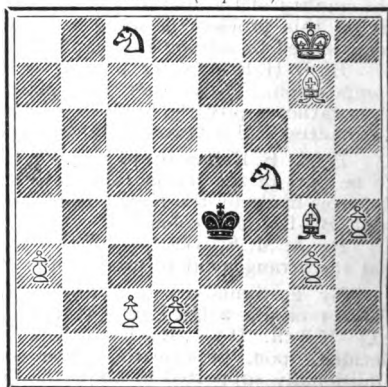


WHITE (8 pieces)

White mates in two moves.

No. 2,484.

By M. BUKOZER
(Woodside, U.S.A.).
BLACK (1 piece)

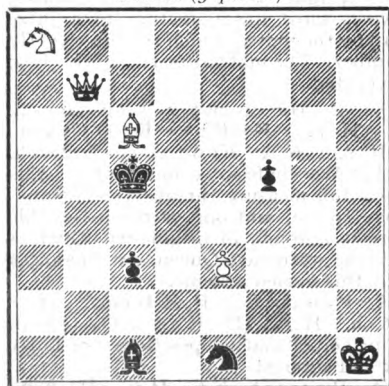


WHITE (10 pieces)

White mates in three moves.

No. 2,485.

By B. J. de C. ANDRADE
(London).
BLACK (5 pieces)

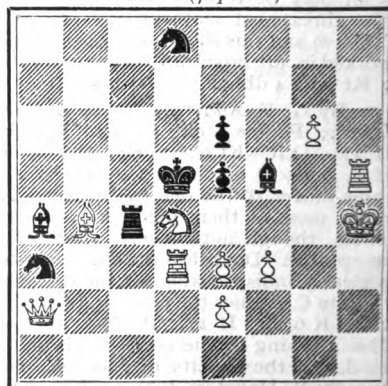


WHITE (5 pieces)

White mates in three moves.

No. 2486.

By H. WEENINK
(Amsterdam).
BLACK (7 pieces)



WHITE (11 pieces)

White mates in three moves.



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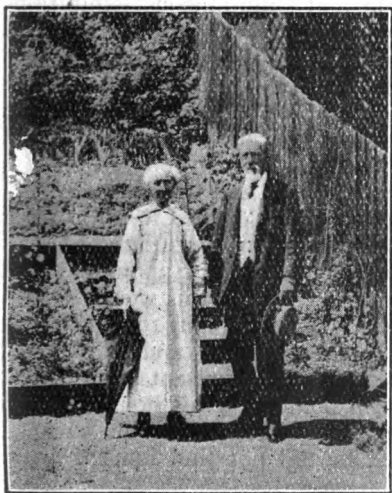
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Mr. J. H. BLACKBURNE.

We have to record with very deep regret the death at his residence at Lewisham, in the early hours of Monday, 1st September, of our oldest chess master. He had enjoyed but indifferent health for some years past, and had been seen little in public since the death of his wife. The funeral took place at Ladywell Cemetery, S.E., on the 4th, when his son and son-in-law were the chief mourners, and many well-known chess players were in attendance.

A very brief summary of his career appeared in our pages in January 1922, but no detailed account of it has been given here since 1899; and a complete survey is therefore due to our readers, new and old, on the present occasion.



Joseph Henry Blackburne was born at Manchester on the 10th December, 1841. Steinitz was then in his sixth year, Morphy in his fifth, Andersen at 23 was practically unknown, Staunton at 31 had just come into prominence. Some particulars of Blackburne's early life were related in our notice of January, 1922, and for the sake of completeness we recapitulate what our Editor then wrote. "It was not till 1860 that he learned the moves of Chess, and it was the prowess of Morphy which first infected him with enthusiasm. He joined the Manchester Chess Club, of which he is still a member, and soon became the leading player. In the club tournament of 1861-2 he came out first, the runner-up being

Horwitz, the great end-game expert.

"In 1861 L. Paulsen gave one of his blindfold performances in Manchester. Blackburne was one of his opponents, and lost—a very pretty game by Paulsen. This set Blackburne agog to play blindfold. Starting with one game he was victorious; later with three opponents

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he won all three. In 1862 he tried four, and a little later he challenged ten members of the club, winning five, drawing three and losing two. This performance added considerably to his rising reputation. The London B.C.A. Tournament of 1862 was then being arranged. Blackburne, who had first assisted his father in producing daguerreotypes, had entered a hosiery warehouse, but when invited to take part in the tournament, with his expenses paid, he accepted, to find on his return that his place in business had been filled. In the tournament it was not to be expected that he would take a high place. He defeated Steinitz however ; but what put a seal on his reputation was a blindfold performance against ten players, making the same score as at Manchester. From 1863 to 1867 he was engaged in business, but thereafter chess absorbed his energies."

His attempts to settle down in business at Manchester were not successful ; considerations of health, and perhaps of temperament, unsuited him for a sedentary life, and in his 26th year he adopted chessplaying as a means of livelihood. A full account of his doings for the next thirty years would form no inconsiderable portion of the history of British Chess during that period. His activities in tournaments, matches, and winter exhibitions of play will be considered in separate paragraphs. A few leading biographical facts may be first summarised. In 1885 Blackburne had a severe illness, and was ordered a long sea voyage ; he took that to Australia ; this led to the receipt of many invitations to give blindfold and simultaneous exhibitions there and in New Zealand. Besides his travels to tournaments abroad, he accepted some invitations to other countries for the purpose of exhibition play ; to Holland in 1874 and 1880 ; to Havana in 1891. It is pleasing to be able to record that British chessplayers have on four occasions marked their appreciation of his national services by raising monetary testimonials. In 1885, just before his journey to Australia, a sum of two hundred and fifty guineas was presented to him. In 1901 at the annual dinner of the City of London Club he was presented with £400. Shortly after his seventieth birthday a further presentation took the shape of an annuity upon the joint lives of himself and wife, and the contributions to this were received from British players all over the world. Once more, in 1921, the City of London Club, with some help from the provinces and Dominions, raised the sum of £411 as an eightieth birthday presentation. After severe shock sustained by the fall of a bomb near his house in 1918 his health was never good ; the death of Mrs. Blackburne early in 1922 was a heavy blow, after which he did not find himself again equal to simultaneous exhibitions.

In 1899 a collection of his games, entitled *Mr. Blackburne's Games at Chess* was edited by Mr. P. Anderson Graham, and published by Longmans. An enlarged edition has now become something to be desired. Doubtless only a small proportion of games played since his sixtieth year could be expected to come up to the standard set in his prime ; but on the other hand the inclusion of a rather larger proportion of

his lost and drawn games would be an act of justice to some of his opponents, and dispose of the most damaging criticism made upon the book; whilst it would add much to its utility to the student of style and method, by showing when Blackburne's methods were ineffective and why.

The outstanding feature of Blackburne's chess career was undoubtedly his Tournament play; this began with a first place at Manchester early in 1862, and ended fifty-two years later at Chester in 1914 with a tie for first, truly an amazing record! None can ever have deserved so justly the title of "Prince of Tournament players." An attacking and combinative style, never shrinking from any reasonable risk, rendered him very formidable in contests where every opponent was met only once, and where consequently even a world champion might be, and often was, upset by a surprise sprung upon him by a weaker opponent. But although this was the style of his predilection, he had assimilated in some degree the ideas of the school of position play, and did not disdain upon occasion to make use of those ideas. The following opening might be supposed to come from the latest school of the "moderns"; compare White's play with the opening of Game No. 5, 188, Réti *v.* Grünfeld, given in February last.—1 P—Q B4, P—K Kt 3; 2 P—K Kt 3, B—Kt 2; 3 B—Kt 2, Kt—Q B 3; 4 Kt—K B 3, Kt—B 3; 5 Kt—B 3, Castles; 6 Castles, P—K 4; 7 P—Q 3, P—Q 3; 8 R—Q Kt 1, P—K R 3; 9 B—Q 2, B—K 3; 10 P—Q Kt 4, Q—Q 2; 11 P—Kt 5, Kt—Q 1; 12 Q—R 4, B—K 3; 13 Kt—Q 5. The player of the White pieces was Blackburne; the occasion the Ostend Tournament of 1907, when Réti was in his teens. When therefore the last-named player writes:—"the technique of Chess is to-day being revolutionised in a way that can only be compared to the revolution brought about by Steinitz" (*Chess Pie*, p. 25), he provokes the question "Was Blackburne also amongst the prophets?"

To narrate one by one all Blackburne's Tournament successes would quickly become tedious; the appended tabular statement puts them in a compendious form, and will serve for reference. Club Tournaments and Handicaps, such as Blackburne many times competed in at the City of London and British Chess Clubs, Simpson's Divan, etc., have been excluded from the list.

TOURNAMENTS AND RESULTS.

| Year | Place | No. of Games | Score | Final position and remarks. |
|------|-------------|--------------|-------|--|
| 1862 | London | 11 | 4 | Retired after 11th round. |
| 1867 | Dundee | 9 | 6 | Fifth. Neumann first. |
| 1869 | London | 9 | 8 | First after tie with De Vere. |
| 1870 | Baden-Baden | 18 | 12 | Equal third with Neumann. Anderssen first. |
| 1870 | London | 6 | 3 | Fourth. Wisker first. |
| 1872 | London | 7 | 5 | Second. Steinitz first. |
| 1872 | London | 7 | 3 | Equal fifth. Wisker first. |
| 1873 | Vienna | 30 | 21½ | Second after tie with Steinitz. |
| 1876 | London | 9 | 8 | First. |
| 1878 | Paris | 22 | 14½ | Third. Zukertort first. |
| 1880 | Wiesbaden | 15 | 11 | Equal first with Englisch and A. Schwarz. |

| <i>Year</i> | <i>Place</i> | <i>No. of Games</i> | <i>Score</i> | <i>Final position and remarks.</i> |
|-------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------|--|
| 1881 .. | Berlin .. | 16 .. | 14 .. | First. |
| 1882 .. | Vienna .. | 34 .. | 21½ .. | Sixth. Steinitz and Winawer equal first. |
| 1883 .. | London .. | 26 .. | 16½ .. | Third. Zukertort first. |
| 1883 .. | Nuremberg .. | 18 .. | 13½ .. | Second. Winawer first. |
| 1885 .. | Hamburg .. | 17 .. | 11½ .. | Equal second with four others. Gunsberg first. |
| 1885 .. | Hereford .. | 10 .. | 8 .. | First. |
| 1886 .. | London .. | 7 .. | 6½ .. | First. |
| 1886 .. | London .. | 12 .. | 8½ .. | First after tie with Burn. |
| 1886 .. | Belfast .. | 8 .. | 7 .. | Second. Pollock first. |
| 1887 .. | Frankfort .. | 20 .. | 13½ .. | Equal second with Weiss. Mackenzie first. |
| 1887 .. | London .. | 9 .. | 6½ .. | Third. Burn and Gunsberg equal first. |
| 1888 .. | Bradford .. | 16 .. | 10 .. | Sixth. Gunsberg first. |
| 1889 .. | New York .. | 38 .. | 27 .. | Fourth. Tchigorin and Weiss equal first. |
| 1889 .. | Breslau .. | 17 .. | 9 .. | Equal eighth. Tarrasch first. |
| 1890 .. | Manchester .. | 19 .. | 12½ .. | Second. Tarrasch first. |
| 1892 .. | London .. | 8 .. | 6 .. | Second. Lasker first. |
| 1892 .. | Dresden .. | 16 .. | 8 .. | Tenth. Tarrasch first. |
| 1892 .. | Belfast .. | 9 .. | 5½ .. | First. |
| 1893 .. | London .. | 5 .. | 3½ .. | First. |
| 1894 .. | Leipsic .. | 17 .. | 11½ .. | Equal fourth with Walbrodt. Tarrasch first. |
| 1895 .. | Hastings .. | 21 .. | 10½ .. | Tenth. Pillsbury first. |
| 1896 .. | Nuremberg .. | 18 .. | 9 .. | Eleventh. Lasker first. |
| 1897 .. | Berlin .. | 19 .. | 13 .. | Third. Charousek first. |
| 1898 .. | Vienna .. | 36 .. | 18 .. | Equal tenth. Tarrasch first. |
| 1899 .. | London .. | 27 .. | 15½ .. | Sixth. Lasker first. |
| 1900 .. | London .. | 12 .. | 7½ .. | Fifth. Teichmann first. |
| 1901 .. | Monte Carlo .. | 15 .. | 6½ .. | Seventh. Janowski first. |
| 1904 .. | London .. | 16 .. | 11 .. | Equal third with Gunsberg and Shoomsmith. Napier first. |
| 1904 .. | Hastings .. | 11 .. | 7½ .. | Third. Napier first. |
| 1905 .. | Ostend .. | 26 .. | 10½ .. | Twelfth. Maroczy first. |
| 1905 .. | Southport .. | 11 .. | 6½ .. | Equal fourth. Atkins first. |
| 1906 .. | Ostend .. | 13 .. | 9 .. | Equal fourth in section. Maroczy first. |
| 1906 .. | Shrewsbury .. | 11 .. | 6½ .. | Seventh. Atkins first. |
| 1907 .. | Ostend .. | 27 .. | 14½ .. | Fifteenth. Rubinstein and Bernstein equal first. |
| 1907 .. | Crystal Palace .. | 11 .. | 6½ .. | Equal second with three others. Atkins first. |
| 1908 .. | Tunbridge Wells .. | 11 .. | 6 .. | Equal third with three others. .. |
| 1909 .. | Scarborough .. | 11 .. | 7 .. | Equal fourth with Yates. .. |
| 1910 .. | Oxford .. | 11 .. | 7½ .. | Equal second with Yates. .. |
| 1911 .. | Glasgow .. | 11 .. | 5½ .. | Equal seventh. .. |
| 1913 .. | Cheltenham .. | 11 .. | 7 .. | Equal second with Mahood. Yates first. |
| 1914 .. | St. Petersburg .. | 10 .. | 3½ .. | Equal ninth in preliminary tournament. |
| 1914 .. | Chester .. | 10 .. | 8½ .. | Equal first with Yates. |

The table shows 53 tournaments in as many years, with a total of 814 games, in which his aggregate score for the whole period was above 62 per cent.

Many anecdotes have been told of dramatic side-incidents in these encounters ; two must here suffice as samples of the rest. At Nuremberg in 1883 Winawer found himself in a hopeless ending ; as a desperate resource he placed his last piece *en prise*, thinking to save the game at least by queening a Pawn if the piece were taken ; he then got up from the board and went to see how others were faring. A friend followed him and asked anxiously, " Why did you put your Knight *en prise* ? " " Sh ! who can tell ? perhaps Blackburne may take it," said Winawer. No sooner said than Blackburne did take it ; Winawer queened his Pawn in two moves and resigned the move after. In the New York Tournament of 1889, Lipschutz had cleared Blackburne's Queen's side of Pawns, and was marching up two of his own supported by the Queen ; Blackburne sealed the move on adjournment. Asked during the interval how he stood, Lipschutz said, " Oh ! he has a bit of an attack, but my two Pawns must win." This was carried to Blackburne, who replied, " That cannot be, for I have sealed a move which forces mate." Whether the intermediary returned to Lipschutz with this is not mentioned ; perhaps not, as he seems to have resumed play with confidence unabated ; and was astounded when Blackburne sacrificed a Rook on the following move ; four moves after the adjournment Lipschutz resigned, with mate in three unavoidable.

The Baden-Baden Tournament of 1870 had to be hurriedly completed after the outbreak of the Franco-Prussian war ; before finally getting away Blackburne was held under arrest for one night as a suspected spy. Up to 1878 it will be noticed that Tournaments abroad were much less frequent than subsequently ; the formation next year of the Deutscher Schachbund may be said to have inaugurated the era of annual tournaments. The first international tournament of that body, held at Berlin in 1881, was the occasion of Blackburne's greatest achievement. He lost the first game, drew the second, then won ten consecutively, drew the thirteenth, and wound up with three more wins, coming out with a score three points ahead of the second prize winner, Zukertort, who had just previously defeated him severely in a match. To this occasion belongs the famous brilliant game with J. Schwarz. In the London Tournament of 1883 he played in all 39 games ; one of the regulations provided that drawn games should not count, but be replayed until a decisive result was obtained or until the players had drawn three times ; on the whole Blackburne gained more than he lost by this. To this tournament belongs the famous game won by Zukertort, Blackburne's own notes to which (in Mr. Anderson Graham's book) may advantageously be read as a corrective to the high-flown comments furnished by the secretary of the tournament to the official book. After fifty Blackburne's play became inevitably more uneven, but its dangerous qualities were still very much in evidence, and on numerous occasions when he failed to secure a score prize he received the special prize for best score against the ordinary prize-winners. Towards his 60th year he ceased to go regularly to tournaments abroad ; but the advent of the British

Chess Federation, with its championship, enabled him to continue tournament practice well into his seventies; he missed only the contest in 1912 at Richmond, until the commencement of war terminated the first series of these annual events, and he fittingly closed that chapter in his career as he had commenced it 52 years before, with a triumph. His last foreign tournament had been earlier in the same year (1914), when he accepted the invitation of the St. Petersburg Chess Society to take part in a tournament limited to former first prize-winners. He was enthusiastically received, was awarded a brilliancy prize for the game he won of Niemzowitsch; and the Society made him a special presentation, accompanied by a pleasing letter, which may be read on p. 227 of the *B.C.M.* for that year. Once more, after conclusion of the war, he was tempted to pit his skill against a younger generation, and entered his name for the City of London Club Championship of 1918-19; but severe illness compelled his withdrawal after a few rounds had been played.

As a player of individual matches it must be confessed that Blackburne did not greatly shine, the crux being of course the long matches against acknowledged leaders of the day; these were all lost. Here the characteristics of his tournament play were as much drawbacks as assets. Safety play and infinite patience in waiting are the dominant factors in match play as practised by its leading modern exponents. In tournaments the possibilities of this strategy are, for the player who seeks high place, severely limited by the risk of surprises, especially opening surprises; but in a match the surprise possibility is quickly exhausted. Anderssen satirically called this match-playing quality "Sitzfleisch"; Blackburne characterised its methods as "superior wood-shifting," to the anger of its latest practitioner, whose taunting reply to a man of eighty certainly did not err on the side of generosity. Having presented a table of tournament scores a similar table of match scores is the natural corollary; it is here therefore given, but must be taken with some reserve as not improbably incomplete. In the old chess magazines prior to the eighties of last century little or no account was made of some individual matches which would now be fully reported. The table shews two matches with Bird, both won by Blackburne; it is not unlikely that one or two others may have been played, for after one of those specified, Bird wrote to the *Chess Monthly* stating that the score between himself and Blackburne was now even, and they were arranging a deciding encounter; this does not appear to have taken place. Again a question arises as to matches with Steinitz. In the spring of 1870 the two men played at Purssell's two games, one drawn, the second won by Steinitz, for a prize of £6: the *Westminster Papers* for June, 1870, gives these particulars and the games. In the *B.C.M.* notice of 1899 (referred to at the commencement of this article) it was stated that in 1870 they played a series of games, with the result Steinitz, 5, Blackburne 0, drawn 1; we have not been able to find any contemporary evidence of this longer encounter, nor any of the games; it has therefore been omitted.

MATCHES.

| Year | Opponent | Result | Score | | L. | D. | Remarks |
|---------|---------------------|---------|-------|-------|-------|----|---|
| | | | W. | L. | | | |
| 1863 .. | Steinitz | lost .. | 1 .. | 7 .. | 2 .. | | |
| 1865 .. | Horwitz .. .. | .. .. | .. .. | .. .. | .. .. |  |  |
| 1876 .. | Steinitz | lost .. | 0 .. | 7 .. | 0 .. | | |
| 1879 .. | Bird | won .. | 5 .. | 2 .. | 1 .. | | |
| 1881 .. | Zukertort | lost .. | 2 .. | 7 .. | 5 .. | | |
| 1881 .. | Gunsberg | won .. | 7 .. | 6 .. | 3 .. | | Blackburne conceded two games start. |
| 1882 .. | Mackenzie | lost .. | 1 .. | 2 .. | 0 .. | | |
| 1887 .. | G. A. Macdonnell .. | won .. | 2 .. | 1 .. | 1 .. | | |
| 1887 .. | Zukertort | won .. | 5 .. | 1 .. | 8 .. | | |
| 1887 .. | Gunsberg | lost .. | 2 .. | 5 .. | 6 .. | | |
| 1888 .. | Mackenzie | won .. | 2 .. | 1 .. | 1 .. | | |
| 1888 .. | Bird | won .. | 4 .. | 1 .. | 0 .. | | |
| 1890 .. | Lee | won .. | 6 .. | 3 .. | 5 .. | | |
| 1891 .. | Golmayo | won .. | 5 .. | 3 .. | 1 .. | | |
| 1891 .. | Vasquez | won .. | 5 .. | 1 .. | 0 .. | | |
| 1892 .. | Lasker | lost .. | 0 .. | 6 .. | 4 .. | | |
| 1895 .. | Bardeleben | dr'wn.. | 3 .. | 3 .. | 3 .. | | |

The match with Horwitz at Manchester in 1865 rests on the authority of the *Household Chess Magazine* of that year, which gives two of the games, but no other allusion ; Lowenthal's *Chess Players' Magazine* for 1865 does not mention the match. The two games start conceded to Gunsberg in their first match are included in Gunsberg's score of 6.

This is the point at which to mention the Anglo-American Cable matches, in all but two of which Blackburne took part ; those missed were 1902 and 1911 (the last of the series). In the earlier years Blackburne had great success against Pillsbury, whom he met six times ; defeating him in 1896 and 1899, drawing in 1897, 1898 and 1900, and losing only once, 1901. When the series was resumed in 1907 (after an interruption due to the Russo-Japanese war, and other causes) he was less successful ; but he was then nearing seventy, and eight hours play per day was no doubt too great a strain.

To provincial players Blackburne was a very familiar figure, through his winter tours for blindfold and simultaneous play ; there can have been few chess clubs in this country formed prior to the end of last century which had not received a visit from him at some time ; and these tours did not come entirely to an end until his eightieth birthday was passed ; but blindfold play had then of course been discontinued for many years. The quips and sallies with which he enlivened the proceedings were much relished, and many of them will be retailed to newcomers in the clubs where they were uttered for years yet to come. In 1899 Mr. Anderson Graham estimated that between 1st October and 25th December Blackburne usually played in these exhibitions 1,000 to 1,100 games, and that during January and February with additional engagements at irregular periods afterwards, as many more games were added ; a total output of over 2,000 games per year. In blindfold play his usual number of games in the early part of his career was ten ; on at least one occasion he rose to fifteen ; but in later years the standard number became six or eight. It is reported that at the Baden-Baden Tournament, as the result of a

discussion with Kolisch, arrangements were in train for an exhibition of forty simultaneous blindfold games, Blackburne only stipulating that play should be limited to six hours per day ; the outbreak of war put an end to the project. His chief rival at this form of play in the seventies and eighties was Zukertort, who once played sixteen blindfold games in two sittings ; but by the testimony of Zukertort's colleague, Leopold Hoffer, Blackburne greatly excelled his rival by the ease and rapidity of performance, and by the fact that his play blindfold was as brilliant in style as over the board. On one occasion he announced a forced mate in sixteen moves ! Had he any method, or " secret," peculiar to himself ? Probably not. In 1892 M. Alfred Binet, Professor of Psychology at the Sorbonne, undertook an enquiry into the psychology of great memories, as exhibited by calculators and chessplayers, and published his conclusions in a long article in *La Revue des deux Mondes* ; the article was summarised for the *B.C.M.* by the late Rev. C. E. Ranken, and will be found in the volume for 1893, p.371. On comparing some of the particulars given in this article with those furnished by Mr. Anderson Graham (p.207, *Mr. Blackburne's games at Chess*), it will be found that Blackburne was one of those blindfold players who see a mental vision of a board and pieces ; in this there is nothing unusual ; a large proportion, perhaps even the great majority of blindfold players, work in this way.

The Rev. G. A. Macdonnell remarked of Blackburne that he was the " Lord Bacon of Chess " in that he had taken every department of it to be his study. In Problem composition and solving he was likewise an expert ; but this side of his activities will be dealt with in another part of the Magazine.

Tall, and of erect carriage, he was one of the most striking figures at the Chess gatherings he attended. Cool and collected in difficult situations as well as under time pressure : a courteous adversary and a magnanimous winner, always ready to do justice to an opponent who had allowed his chances to escape him. Whilst a stickler for strict adherence to rules, he scorned to take any petty or unchivalrous advantage : the handsome tribute paid to him in the columns of the *Field* by his old opponent, Mr. Amos Burn, relates a fine example of this trait. He was a believer in training for major events to the extent of taking several days or a week of hard country walking before the appointed day came. His dry humour and gift for mimicry rendered his stories of players of the past a treat to those privileged to hear them.

To attempt an estimate of Blackburne's rank amongst his contemporaries would be futile ; too many factors which elude estimate would enter into such a question ; his status as compared with his predecessors in the leadership of British Chess may prove amenable to discussion. The list commenced with Sarratt, the pupil of Verdoni, who was the successor of Philidor ; but as we have only three games of Sarratt's, and those (all Muzio Gambits) quite unconvincing, he is hardly more than a legendary figure. Lewis came next ; we have a larger selection of games in his case, but these are mostly at odds ; and the absence of any set occasion on which he is known to have

been fully extended on even terms forbids placing him high in the historical succession. With Alexander Macdonnell we are on firmer ground, in the 86 games with Labourdonnais ; his style had considerable affinity with Blackburne's ; but apart from the completeness of his defeat by the Frenchman, he had two serious limitations : he was inordinately slow even when judged by ante-time-limit standards, and he could play well only when allowed the Black pieces ; no player subject to such deficiencies can be accounted the Champion of Champions. This brings us to Staunton, the quality of whose exploits in the forties of last century makes him a formidable competitor for supremacy in the succession. His style has been a little unjustly decried ; in fact, he was the earliest great master of the school of position play ; some of his Queen's Gambits might have been taken from comparatively recent tournaments ; and when our latest "moderns" open out P—Q Kt 3 and B—Q Kt 2 they are indebted to Staunton for rescuing that manoeuvre from the faddists of the time and proving it to have high practical value when placed in its proper setting. Steinitz added to and classified the ideas underlying position play, and formulated them into principles, but Staunton was the forerunner. He was our supreme match player, where Blackburne failed ; but his undeniable inferiority in those dashing qualities which were so important an asset in Blackburne's tournament play makes it permissible to doubt whether he could ever have rivalled Blackburne's successes in that field. Whether position play or combination is superior, and whether Tournament successes or match successes have the greater value are questions susceptible of endless dispute, probably insoluble. In any case pontifical assertion decides no controverted question. There is room then to be proud of both these great representative British players, each of them at his best supreme in his own sphere.

THE LATE MR. J. H. BLACKBURNE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE *B.C.M.*

DEAR SIR,—The late Mr. J. H. Blackburne was not only a master of chess but also of playful and satirical humour, exemplified by such remarks as : "Never miss a check, it might be mate," "The British Chess Association, so-called because it always prefers foreigners," and "My favourite beverage is castor oil." I have known him, however, in other moods, and remember our last meeting when, after supper, we sat by the fire talking quietly, far into the small hours, to enable him to recover from the stress of simultaneous play, which in his case always banished sleep. He told me that he sprang from an old Lancashire Quaker stock, and spoke with affectionate regard of his parents.

Reviewing the chessplayers of his time he thought the greatest were Zukertort, Paulsen and Captain Mackenzie, perhaps in the order named, but each was remarkable in a different way. Zukertort excelled at all points of the game, and showed wonderful endurance considering his want of physical strength. Paulsen was greatest at analysis, and Mackenzie was brilliant and imaginative, and in his highest flights soared to the altitudes attained by Morphy. The personality of Paulsen impressed him more than any other of his contemporaries, and he considered him the most generous, honest, kindly disposed and modest man who ever adopted chess as a profession. He was of great stature, had a massive head, was methodical, slow and absent-minded. When

Paulsen first visited Manchester, Blackburne, who had just taken up chess, was asked to act as the master's guide about the town, to visit its interesting places and show him the mysteries of cotton spinning, etc. But Paulsen appeared so absorbed by his own thoughts that his guide never knew whether he was interested or bored.

At Baden Baden, beneath the castle on the hill, Paulsen was dissatisfied with his lodgings and made an excursion to find something better. He went up the hill and wandered about, and at length found what he wanted. The next step was to find a porter to remove his belongings, and both were amazed when they discovered that nothing more was required than to carry the boxes downstairs from one flat to another immediately below it.

Once at a Continental tournament Paulsen, with a won game, was pondering over his move and became so absorbed that he forgot his clock and lost. Blackburne, than at the beginning of his career, was an onlooker, and not a disinterested one, for a win by his friend would help his score. When Paulsen was asked his reason for not moving he replied, "Well, I was just thinking what I would do to-morrow in the next game." Mr. Blackburne added that Paulsen rarely smiled, but on that occasion there was an unmistakable twinkle in his eye.

Yours faithfully,

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Hon. Secretary, Carlisle Chess Club.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE *B.C.M.*

SIR,—In common with all British chessplayers it was with great regret that I heard of the death of Mr. J. H. Blackburne. Many able pens will no doubt write favourable biographical notices, but I am wondering if any will speak of his skill as a problemist. I have discussed this subject with him many times. Mr. Blackburne composed many fine problems, twenty-eight are to be found in his book, but he told me he must have composed at least 100, and only about thirty of these have been traced. Mr. Blackburne said in his early days, 1861-2, he used to make about one problem a week. Many of these were published in the *Manchester Express*, under the initials R.S., but at that time he did not want to be a great chessplayer, or to be known as a composer of problems, so that when people began to inquire who R.S. was he altered the initials to anything that might occur to him at the time, but never to anything that would give a clue to his real name.

Mr. Blackburne's problems are all in three or more moves. He never published a two-mover, but once said he generally composed them as two-movers and afterwards added a move. Most of his problems do really appear to have been built up in that way.

Mr. Blackburne held one peculiar view on chess. I showed him a problem in which $P \times P$ *en passant* occurred. He at once said he thought that when an International Chess Federation is formed, one of their first acts will be to abolish $P \times P$ *en passant* from the game of chess, and I think he meant it, for in later years he adhered to that view.

Yours faithfully,

JOHN KEEBLE.

The following incident was recorded by William Geary who died last year.

Some time in the 'seventies Blackburne was a patient at St. Thomas' Hospital, and on one occasion the dispenser said to him, "Are you Mr. Blackburne, the chessplayer?" On being informed he was, Blackburne was asked if he could spare a few minutes for a chat. In the course of conversation relating to memory, Blackburne was asked if he thought he could repeat from memory a few of the abbreviated Latin names on the medicine bottles. After being given a few minutes to study them our chess master offered to test himself. With no knowledge of pharmaceutical Latin or medicine it is remarkable that he not only succeeded with three or four scores of names, but expressed willingness to call them all out (back turned to the shelves, of course) either forward or backward. This is a wonderful feat of memory and as hinted above made more surprising as the names had no meaning to the performer. B.G.L.

THE SOUTHPORT CONGRESS.

Last month lack of space prevented a full account being given, and we have pleasure in now publishing the complete scores of the First, Second and Third Class tournaments.

FIRST CLASS TOURNAMENT, SECTION A.

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | T'l. |
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| 1 W. R. Thomas, Liverpool | — | I | I | I | I | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | I | 0 | 7 |
| 2 E. V. Strugnell, London | 0 | — | I | I | 0 | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | I | 0 | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 3 L. Burland, Rotherham | 0 | 0 | — | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 4 G. Abrahams, Liverpool | 0 | 0 | I | — | I | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | 0 | I | 0 | 0 | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 5 F. Wilkinson, Kingston | 0 | I | I | 0 | — | I | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | I | 0 | 4 |
| 6 Major R. W. Barnett, M.P., London .. | I | I | I | I | 0 | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | I | I | 0 | I | 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ † |
| 7 H. J. Snowden, London | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ † |
| 8 C. R. Gurnhill, Sheffield | I | I | I | I | I | 0 | — | I | I | I | I | 10* | 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ † |
| 9 H. J. M. Thoms, Dundee | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | I | F | I | I | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | — | I | I | 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ † |
| 10 Rev. E. Wells, Bournemouth | 0 | I | I | F | 0 | I | 0 | 0 | 0 | — | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| 11 G. K. Nuttall, London | 0 | 0 | I | I | 0 | I | 0 | 0 | I | — | 0 | — | 5 |
| 12 E. W. Davies, London | I | I | I | I | I | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ † |

* First. † Tied second. F

FIRST CLASS TOURNAMENT, SECTION B.

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | T'l. |
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| 1 Col. C. Stuart-Prince, Nairobi | — | I | 0 | 0 | 0 | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| 2 Rev. A. P. Lacy-Hulbert, Birmingham .. | 0 | — | 0 | I | 0 | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | 0 | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 6 |
| 3 W. Atkinson, Hull | I | I | — | 0 | 0 | I | I | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | I | I | 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ † |
| 4 J. H. Morrison, Liverpool | I | 0 | I | — | I | I | I | 0 | I | I | I | I | 9* |
| 5 J. Jackson, Dewsbury | I | I | I | 0 | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| 6 J. E. West, Ashton-under-Lyne | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | I | 0 | I | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 7 G. E. Hewson, Sheffield | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | 0 | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 8 S. G. Howell-Smith, Hythe | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | I | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 9 J. Macalister, London | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | 5 |
| 10 A. D. Barlow, London | 0 | I | 0 | 0 | 0 | I | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | — | 0 | — | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 11 F. C. Short, Walsall | I | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | I | I | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | — | I | 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ † |
| 12 J. E. Parry, Market Drayton | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | 0 | I | 0 | I | I | I | I | 0 | — | 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ † |

* First. † Second. ‡ Tied Third.

SECOND CLASS TOURNAMENT, SECTION A.

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| 1 S. J. Osborn, London | — | 0 | I | I | I | I | 0 | 0 | I | I | 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 2 A. C. Falkner, Wallington | I | — | I | 0 | I | I | 0 | I | I | I | 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 3 F. O. Nelson, York | 0 | 0 | — | I | I | I | 0 | 0 | 0 | I | 4 |
| 4 W. L. Wakefield, Coventry | 0 | I | 0 | — | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | p | 1 |
| 5 A. T. Cannell, Norwich | 0 | 0 | 0 | I | — | I | 0 | I | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 6 S. P. Lees, London | 0 | 0 | 0 | I | 0 | — | 0 | I | I | I | 4 |
| 7 H. A. Turriff, Arbroath | I | I | I | I | I | 0 | — | I | I | I | 9* |
| 8 C. H. Taylor, Lewisham | I | 0 | I | I | 0 | 0 | — | I | I | I | 5 |
| 9 Laurence Small, Liverpool | 0 | 0 | I | I | 0 | 0 | 0 | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 10 Mrs. J. Brockett, Glasgow | 0 | 0 | 0 | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | 2 |

* First. † Second. ‡ Third.

SECOND CLASS TOURNAMENT, SECTION B.

| | I | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | T'l. |
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| 1 Miss H. F. Chater, Penzance | — | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 2 Newman Clissold, New Brighton | 1 | — | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 9* |
| 3 H. D. Osborn, Gosport | 0 | 0 | — | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3½ |
| 4 Dr. V. H. Rutherford, London | 1 | 0 | 1 | — | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7½ |
| 5 W. Barker, Wolverhampton | 1 | ½ | ½ | 0 | — | 0 | ½ | 1 | ½ | 1 | 0 | 4½ |
| 6 George Breese, Wimbledon | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | — | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5½ |
| 7 G. A. Youngman, Maidstone | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | — | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 5 |
| 8 Miss M. Andrews, London | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | — | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| 9 H. E. Doran, Coventry | 0 | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | 0 | 0 | 0 | — | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 10 H. N. S. Heath, London | 1 | 0 | ½ | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | — | 0 | 5½ |
| 11 Rev. E. J. E. Howlett, Stoke-on-Trent .. | 1 | ½ | 1 | ½ | ½ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | — | 8½† |

* First. † Second. ‡ Third.

THIRD CLASS TOURNAMENT, DIVISION I.

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| 1 W. Lyon, Ashton-in-Makerfield | | 0 0 | I I | 0 I | 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 4 |
| 2 E. H. Smith, London | I I | | I I | I I | I I | 0 I | 9* |
| 3 Mrs. M. Healey, Manchester | 0 0 | 0 0 | | 0 I | 0 0 | 0 0 | I |
| 4 John E. Coleman, Grays | I 0 | 0 0 | I 0 | | $\frac{1}{2}$ 0 | 0 0 | 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 5 G. W. Bedford, Leyton | I $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 0 | I I | $\frac{1}{2}$ I | | 0 0 | 5 |
| 6 Rev. M. Hooppell, Stoke-on-Trent.. .. | I $\frac{1}{2}$ | I 0 | I I | I I | I I | | 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ † |

*First. †Second.

THIRD CLASS TOURNAMENT, DIVISION II.

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| 1 A. J. Smith, Malton | — | I I | O I | $\frac{1}{2}$ I | I I | O O | 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 2 Mrs. MacVean, Bournemouth | O O | — | O O | O O | O O | O O | O |
| 3 Miss S. V. A. Malcolm, Edinburgh .. | I O | I I | — | O I | I I | O $\frac{1}{2}$ | 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 4 W. A. Aston, Wolverhampton | $\frac{1}{2}$ O | I I | I O | — | I I | I $\frac{1}{2}$ | 7 ^{*2} |
| 5 Miss L. G. Ogden, Manchester | O O | I I | O O | O O | — | I O | 3 |
| 6 Mrs. A. Chase, London | I I | I I | I $\frac{1}{2}$ | O $\frac{1}{2}$ | O I | — | 7 [*] |

* Tied First.

Messrs. Turriff, Clissold and Howlett were too strong for Second Class and will be seen in a higher tournament when next they compete. Third Class, Division I consisted of quite useful Second Class players with the possible exception of Mrs. Healey. As they were all Seconds an equitable tournament resulted! The lady, who is hon. secretary of Manchester Ladies' Chess Club, made a very game fight against her opponents. She is a daughter of Captain J. H. Baldwin, once a well-known big game hunter and champion of Folkestone C.C. (Kent).

THE BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE *B.C.M.*

SIR,—I wish to point out an unfortunate peculiarity of the British Chess Federation meeting, which has caused considerable discontent. The championship entries are limited to twelve, chosen by a committee. The same players more or less are selected year after year with the result that the numerous strong amateurs throughout the country are hopelessly kept out. In no other country is there this limitation.

The old British Chess Association placed no restriction. Is the condition referred to, right? Is the responsible British Chess Federation doing its duty by the chess public? Of course the explanation is convenience. But difficulties are things to overcome. If larger and unrestricted tournaments can be held in other countries, why not in England. I suggest the formation of an organisation prepared to hold a tournament without this absurd and unfair restriction—a championship tournament rational and national.

I am, etc.,

EMPEROR'S GATE HOTEL, S.W.

S. F. SMITH.

August.

A copy of this letter appeared in the *Observer* on September 7th and as far as we know has not received any reply. It is not difficult, however, to answer most of the points raised.

(1) The entries are limited to twelve because a larger number would increase the duration of the tournament and prevent many of the best players from competing.

(2) The same players "more or less" (a) are selected "year after year" because they are our *strongest players*, and the contest is intended for a real championship.

(3) "In no other country is there this limitation," because in few other countries is the entry likely to exceed or even equal 12, and where there are, as in Canada, difficulties of playing off (c).

(4) What "the old British Chess Association" (b) (which eventually collapsed from dry-rot) did is no evidence of infallibility.

(5) "Of course the explanation is convenience." *It is*, but it is the convenience of the competitors which is considered, not the officials.

It is delightfully easy to stand outside, criticise arrangements and murmur platitudes like "difficulties are things to be overcome." The "considerable discontent" alleged to have been caused will be found on examination to be confined to the three or four disgruntled competitors whose names the committee (to their genuine regret) were unable to accept. [Ed. B.C.M.]

(a) In the fifteen contests held since the formation of the British Chess Federation, SIXTY-SEVEN different players have taken part in the British championship.

(b) See J. H. Blackburne's opinion of the British Chess Association as contained in a letter from A. R. Davies on page

(c) See report of Canadian Championship in the present number.

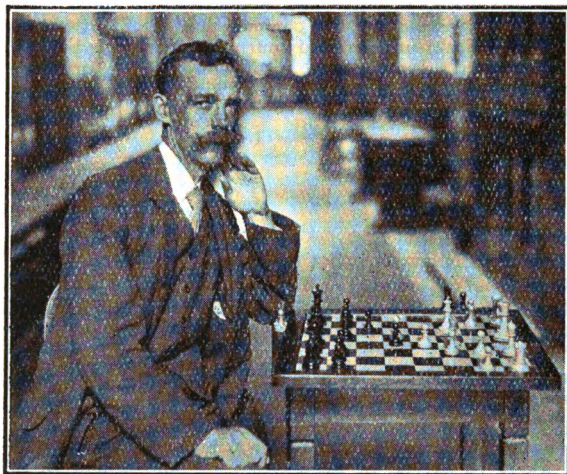
ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

D. J. COLLINS (Hounslow).—Game No. 5,268. You are right; 21... B—Kt 3 is mate on the move.

S.M. (Los Angeles).—Unfortunately we could not spare the space for a full report of the Olympic tournament. Moreover, it was robbed of much of its importance by the unrepresentative entry.

THE BRITISH CHAMPION.

We have pleasure in giving a picture of H. E. Atkins, winner of the British Chess Championship at Southport last month. As is well known he won it seven times running, up to and including 1911 and has not competed in the interim. Again he has proved that he is always about one game better than his opponents be they weak or strong: and the eleven he met at Southport were probably the strongest he has hitherto encountered in this event. The photo was



H. E. ATKINS

British Chess Champion, 1924, from a photo taken at the Congress by T. J. Gidden, of Southport, and very kindly lent to the *B.C.M.* by the proprietors of *The Field*.

is made." "Very good," said the artist, "I am a little interested in chess myself and will watch the game for a bit. At 3-30 the conductor returned to find Atkins and Spencer still engrossed in the game and the photographer still looking on!! all three oblivious of the fact that play had lasted for six hours and lunch time come and gone! Just then Spencer made a miscalculation and resigned, and Atkins courteously responded to the request to be taken.

The annual general meeting of Surrey Chess Association will be held at the Rooms of the London Chess League, St. Bride Institute, Bride Lane, Fleet Street, E.C. 4, on October 4th at 3 o'clock.

It has been pointed out to us by Mr. J. H. Black that the position given on page 365 between H. G. Rhodes and A. Rubenstein is incorrect, and that the Pawn at KR 2 should be on KB 2 which makes all the difference in the position, as the White Knight is unable to escape. This, of course, entirely alters one's opinion of the position.

obtained in a distinctly romantic way. Atkins had been playing Spencer' from 9-30 till 1-15 when Mr. Gidden the photographer came in and asked if he could "capture" Atkins at the conclusion or adjournment of the game. The congress conductor said: "You may certainly ask him: he is due to adjourn about 1-45, but the game must not be interrupted till the sealed move



Photo

Gidden & Son.

MISS E. C. PRICE

Three times British Lady Chess Champion, 1922, 1923, 1924.

THE LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP.

The achievement of Miss Price in winning the British Ladies' championship for three years in succession creates a record which none but herself is likely to break. Miss Price has proved she is undoubtedly the strongest of our lady players, and the quality and style of her games stamp her as a first-class player. A special feature of her play is a wonderfully quick sight of the board which makes her a very dangerous opponent also in lightning and "skittle" chess.

Miss Price first competed in the year 1912 at the Richmond congress and finished second with $7\frac{1}{2}$ points to the late Mrs. Anderson's $8\frac{1}{2}$. At the Victory tournament at Hastings in 1919 she entered but through ill-health was unable to play through. In the following year at Edinburgh she tied for first place with Mrs. Stevenson, but lost the play off. In 1921 at Malvern there was a triple tie between Miss Price, Mrs. Michell and Mrs. Anderson, the latter finally winning the title. The first of her present series of triumphs commenced at the London International of 1922, where she won outright with $9\frac{1}{2}$. At Southsea last year her score was 9, two clear points ahead of the next competitor.

Miss Price has now been a prominent figure in London chess for over twenty years. The "Gambit" Chess Rooms in Budge Row, Cannon Street, of which she is the proprietor, is a national—one might almost say Imperial—institution, and since the closing of Simpson's Divan has been the rendezvous of all players, weak or strong, British or foreign. Few of the masters who from time to time visit the country have failed to walk in to the Gambit. Señor Capablanca appeared there within two hours of his arrival from America for the Hastings tourney of 1919, and the champion gave two simultaneous displays there before his return to Cuba.

Australian players like C. G. Watson and C. G. Steele "got their eye in" at the Gambit before the sterner contest commenced.

F. J. Marshall gave his last seance there in 1912, playing all comers one after another, and walking through them all. Famous chess editors may be recognised among the habitués; Brian Harley can be found explaining his last week's problem to a little group of solvers. E. S. Tinsley may be there taking notes for an exclusive tit-bit of news he has just unearthed, F. D. Yates will be more likely playing than writing at one of the tables, while the widely respected veteran Amos Burn has been recognised there more than once. With all these stalwarts and many hundreds more, Miss Price frequently or occasionally plays, often holding her own and surprising her opponent by resourcefulness in difficult positions and rapidity of play.

For many years the Gambit has been the spiritual home of Kriegspiel, and a fine photo of the late lamented P. H. Williams hangs just above the boards and screens, giving encouragement and increased cunning to the followers of that diverting variety of chess.

The British Chess Federation owes much of its present substantial position to the way in which Miss Price supported the executive in

increasing the permanent invested fund during the War. Full use of the Gambit was always given, freely and unconditionally: to the very considerable benefit of the reserve fund.

In the London League competition Miss Price plays for Lud-Eagle, at a higher board each season; and as that club is becoming like Antoeus, she will have the opportunity of continuing her successes with a team so rich in traditions of the past.

Miss Price is a great lover of animals and is an active member of the N.S.P.C.A. as many a horse-beater has found to his cost. This kindly feeling also extends to her fellow beings for there are scores of unfortunates who could tell of the helping hand—always unostentatious—they have received from the British lady chess champion.

We cannot conclude without a passing reference to Molly, the famous Gambit cat which also holds records.

The photo of Miss Price is by Mr. Theo. J. Gidden, of Southport, who waited with great patience at the congress to obtain it.

THE BRITISH CORRESPONDENCE CHESS ASSOCIATION.

All communications respecting these pages should be addressed to the hon. secretary, Mr. H. E. Matthews, 37 Anson Street, Monton, Eccles, Manchester.

Matches.—Scores to date: *v. Chess Amateur* (35½—41½); *v. Belfast News Letter* (4½—1½); *v. Poor Law Officers* (3—3); *v. France* (3—3).

By the time these notes appear in print the new tourneys should be in progress. If, however, the notices for the Trophies Tourney have not been received we ask forbearance of members as owing to late entries and a desire to avoid disappointment, changes have to be made which prevent the prompt despatch of the circulars. Entrance forms and inquiries are coming in steadily and there is every reason to anticipate another successful season. Already the voluntary contributions to the magazine fund ensure that there will be at least one additional issue next year. The knock-out tourney has also been well received and 70 per cent. of the members who have returned entrance forms express a wish to take part. In reply to a member who asks how the numbers in this tourney will be reduced, we would point out that in the preliminary round no one will be 'knocked out'; each will go into one of the three medal competitions. Here only the winners of the four sections will remain to contest the final section, the others automatically falling out of the tourney. Another member suggests that each tourney should be confined to members of one class, but this is impracticable and would not conform with one of the chief objects of the tourney, *i.e.*, to give players in a lower class an opportunity of matching their strength against stronger players. To guard against three first-class players appearing in the same section in the preliminary round, in which case one would be bound to go forward into the bronze medal competition, the preliminary

sections will be arranged so that the three players would correspond in strength to what one might expect to find in the tourneys proper, and the chance would thus be given to a competitor to gain the satisfaction of beating his stronger opponent.

Handicap Tourney.—Subject to any amendment which may be necessitated by late results, the prize winners would appear to be : 1. Rev. N. Munro (II), 11.05 ; 2. E. Bodkin (I), 11 ; 3. F. E. Ward (II), 10.09 ; 4. J. L. Rynders (II), 9.6. 114 players took part in 612 games, and as evidence of the keen competition it is observed that the first and second prize winners scored 141 and 140 points respectively in 20 games. The remaining results are given below :—

Wins : Anderton *v.* Cottee ; Bogg *v.* Chambers, Gale (2) ; Bodkin *v.* Rev. J. Mogg (2), Dancer (2), White (2), Evill (2) ; Brady *v.* Sir S. Shead ; Chambers *v.* Terry ; Collins *v.* Miss Chater ; Coates *v.* Ovington ; Duffell *v.* Chambers ; Davis *v.* Curson (2) ; Day *v.* Hall, Aston-Lewis (2), Behrant ; Evill *v.* Chambers ; Miss Eveling *v.* O'Brien (2) ; Folley *v.* Lister (2), Hume ; Fairclough *v.* Thomas ; Gale *v.* Duffell (2) ; Houghton *v.* Seymore (2) ; Hussian *v.* Day ; Holland *v.* Hume (2) ; Joyce *v.* Armitage (2) ; Lesser *v.* Lambert, Sheard ; Lambert *v.* Lesser ; Laslet *v.* Seymore ; Lister *v.* Hirst (2), Le Grip *v.* Laslet, Mrs. Pullin (2), Miss New (2), Hollerook ; Munro *v.* Weston (2), P. Wilson, Lister, Wilcox, Heath (2) ; Macdonald *v.* heard ; Lambert *v.* Lesser ; Laslet *v.* Seymore ; Lister *v.* Hirst (2), Le Grip *v.* Laslet, Mrs. Pullin (2), Miss New (2), Hollerook ; Munro *v.* Weston (2), P. Wilson, Lister, Wilcox, Heath (2) ; Macdonald *v.* Chambers (2) ; McClusky *v.* Hume (2) ; Miss New *v.* Mrs. Pullin (2) ; Newbold *v.* Clark (2) ; Ovington *v.* Collins ; Parr *v.* Palmer, Farr (2) ; Parkinson *v.* Simeon ; Rynders *v.* Seymore, Sheard, Somerville ; Simeon *v.* Parkinson and Lyne ; Sir S. Shead *v.* Palmer ; Somerville *v.* A. H. Lord (2) ; Terry *v.* Chambers ; Wilcox *v.* Simeon (2), Duffell, Weston, Maden (2), Seymore (2) ; Windybank *v.* Chambers ; Mrs. Fish *v.* Holbrook ; Holbrook *v.* Mrs. Fish ; Clarke, H. *v.* Hume (2) ; Miss Drummond *v.* Parr (2) ; Stone *v.* Holbrook (2) ; Weston *v.* Somerville ; Lyne *v.* Simeon.

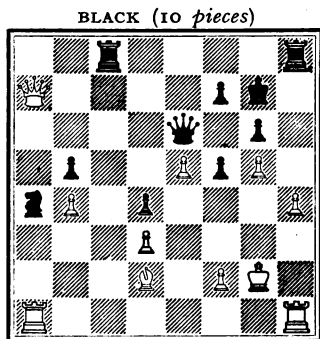
Draws : Anderton *v.* Cottee, Brady ; Behrndt *v.* Day (2) ; Bodkin *v.* Macdonald (2) ; Miss Chater *v.* Collins ; Chambers *v.* Windybank, Joyce ; Curson *v.* Maden, Somerville ; Fairclough *v.* Thomas, Houghton Gould (2) ; Lesser *v.* North ; Munro *v.* P. Wilson, Wilcox ; Maden *v.* Curson ; Brady *v.* Sir S. Shead.

CHESS FOR BEGINNERS

(Continued from page 378).

The following are my solutions of Problems Nos. 161 to 164, in August number, page 323. Problem No. 161 was "A game was opened 1 P—K 4, P—K 3 ; 2 P—Q 4, P—Q 4 ; 3 Kt—Q B 3, Kt—K B 3 ; 4 B—Kt 5, B—K 2 ; 5 P—K 5, K Kt—Q 2 ; 6 P—K R 4. How should Black continue ? Give next four moves on both sides." This variation has been frequently adopted of late, including games in

master tournaments, and Tartakower in his *Die Hypermoderne Schach Partie, Folge iv.* specially refers to it. In the last master Breyer's opinion the best continuation is 6.., P—Q B 4; 7 B×B, K×B!; 8 Q—Kt 4, K—B 1; 9 Kt—B 3, P×P; 10 Q×Q P, Q—Kt 3; 11 Q—Q 2, Kt—Q B 3; if 7 Kt—Kt 5, P×P; 8 Kt—Q 6 ch, K—B 1; 9 B×B, Q×B; 10 Kt×B, Q—Kt 5 ch; 11 Q—Q 2, Q×Kt P; 12 R—Q 1, Kt—Q B 3; 13 Kt—Q 6, K Kt×P; 14 Kt—Kt 5, R—B 1+. Another line is 6.., O—O; 7 B—Q 3, P—Q B 4; 8 Kt—R 3! R—K 1; (If 8.., P—B 5? 9 B×B, Q×B; 10 B×P ch); 9 Kt—Kt 5! P—B 4; 10 Kt—Q 6, P×P; 11 Kt×R, Q×Kt; 12 B—Kt 5! If 6.., B×B; 7 P×B, Q×P; 8 Kt—R 3, Q—R 3 (or Q—K 2; Q—B 4? 9 B—Q 3); 9 P—K Kt 3, P—Q R 3; 10 P—B 4, P—Q B 4; 11 B—Q 3. Another possible line is 6.., P—K B 3, but 7 B—Q 3! P×B; 8 Q—R 5 ch, K—B 1; 9 R—R 3, P×P!; 10 R—B 3 ch, Kt—B 3; works out in White's favour. If 7, Kt—Q B 3; 8 Q—R 5 ch, K—B 1; 9 Kt—B 3. 7 P×P is not good, for 7.., Kt×P; 8 B—Q 3, P—B 4; 9 P×P, Kt—B 3; 10 Kt—R 3, Q—R 4; 11 B—Q 2, Q×B P; 12 Kt—B 4, Castles.



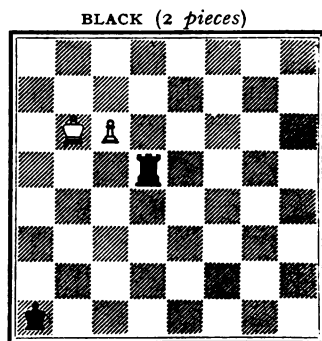
WHITE (10 pieces)

Black to play.

How should he continue?

Problem No. 163. This position occurred in a game between Potter and Fenton many years ago, and was shown by Rev. Saavedra to be a win for White by 1 P—B 7, R—Q 3 ch; 2 K—Kt 5, R—Q 4 ch; 3 K—Kt 4, R—Q 5 ch; 4 K—Kt 3, R—Q 6 ch; 5 K—B 2 R—Q 5! 6 P—B 8=R! R—R 5; 7 K—Kt 3 and wins. If 6 P—B 8=Q, R—B 5 ch and draws.

Problem No. 162 was a position occurring in the game between Dr. Emmanuel Lasker and G. Maroczy who played 36.., Q×P and lost. The game continued 37 Q R—K 1, Q—Q 4 ch; 38 K—Kt 3, K R—K 1; 39 P—R 5, P×P; 40 R×R, R×R; 41 R×P, Kt—B 6 (P—B 5 might perhaps have drawn). 42 Q—Kt 6! but Black should play 36.., R—B 7; 37 B—B 4, Q—Q 4 ch; 38 K—Kt 3, Kt—B 6 or if 37 Q R—Q 1, Q—Q 4 ch; 38 K—Kt 3, R×B; 39 P—K 6, P—B 5 ch.

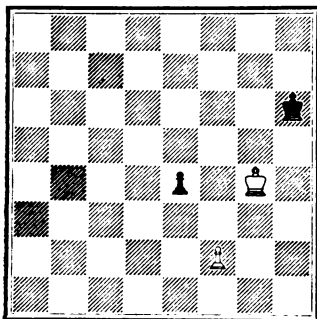


WHITE (2 pieces)

White to play.

What result and how?

BLACK (2 pieces)



WHITE (2 pieces)

Black to play.

What result and how ?

Problem No. 164—1... P—K 6 if 2 P×P, K—Kt 3 and Black has the opposition. If 1... K—Kt 3; 2 K—B 4, P—K 6; 3 K×P, K—B 4; 4 K—B 3 and White has the opposition.

Up to the time I am penning these lines 25 solvers have sent in solutions. One of our solvers, L. Illingworth, of The Way's End, Foxton, Royston, Herts., can supply honey in tins (prices, 7lbs. 11/6, 14lbs. 21/-, 28lbs. 40/-) to any of our readers. I may add I have got some myself and find it excellent. Am feeling much better for my holiday at Llandrindod Wells; although there was more rain than we wanted, it made the falls in the district well worthy of a visit. I learned how to cast a "fly," and caught a salmon at the first attempt, it was 5 inches long, and I returned it to the river, though I should like to have had it stuffed! Now I have returned to work my collaborator in *Modern Chess Openings* insists that I must keep my nose to the grindstone, and let "Chess for Beginners" take a back seat.

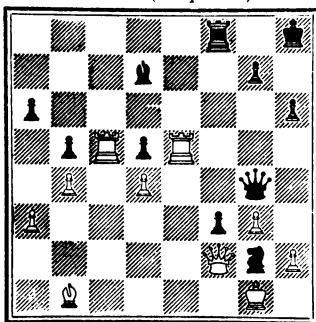
ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.—"M.G.K."—The Queen wins against the Rook, except where stalemate can be forced. Here are 2 positions where there is a draw. *White*: King at K B 1, Rook at K Kt 2; *Black*: King at K R 1, Queen at K 6. White to play. Or *White*: King at Q R 8, Rook at Q R 1; *Black*: King at Q 1, Queen at Q Kt 6. White to play. "O.L.T."—Many thanks. The "kick" shall be passed on, but we were specially asked for *more* games, and space is wanting! *Modern Chess Openings* is about three-quarters done. "Anco."—Very glad to welcome you. "W.H.C."—Yes, I apologise, you did criticise some of Black's moves in 157, hence the 2 marks. The book will be 5/- but I doubt whether you want it yet. Edward Lasker's *Chess Strategy* is an excellent starting book, so is Capablanca's *Chess Fundamentals*, I believe the first is now 7/6 and the latter 10/6 but *Chess Masterpieces*, published by *Daily News*, Ltd., at 1/- is the cheapest "bob's worth" I know. L. Illingworth.—No, Cunningham's *Modern Chess Primer* is excellent for the purpose. "Nemo."—Sorry, found your solutions of 157/160, will credit you next month, when marking for 161/164. Have taken note of your suggestion. "G.A.W."

—So glad. Hope it is not all “best butter!” “A.A.A.”—See last sentence to “Nemo,” who makes the same request.

The following are the problems for October. Problem No. 165. A game was opened 1 P—K 4, P—K 4; 2 Kt—K B 3, Kt—Q B 3; 3 B—Kt 5, P—K Kt 3; 4 P—Q 4, Kt×P; 5 Kt×Kt, P×Kt; 6 Q×P, Q—B 3. What is White's best continuation?

Problem No. 166.

BLACK (11 pieces)



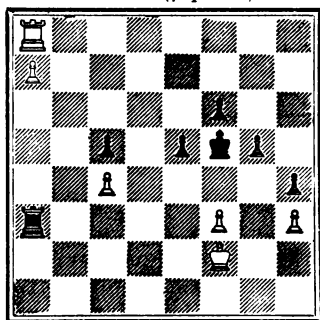
WHITE (10 pieces)

White to play.

How should he continue?

Problem No. 167.

BLACK (7 pieces)



WHITE (6 pieces)

Black to play.

What result and how?

Problem No. 168. *White*: King on Q R 1, Queen on Q Kt 1. *Black*: King on K 3. Show the quickest mate.

Solutions of these problems should be sent to R. C. Griffiths, 18 Wedderburn Road, London, N.W.3, by 31st October, 1924.

MATE IN ONE!

The problem set by E. Hirschhorn of the Wood Green Chess Club in the June number, page 231; “In what does the fascination of chess consist?” has not attracted the number of solvers, either he or I had hoped. I was asked to decide as to which solution I thought to be best, and it has been a very difficult adjudication, for the ideas of solvers have been on very different lines, some very terse (one gives one word—“Opposition.”)—others very verbose; I consider that of L. Illingworth the best, and have sent him the prize, his solution was: “To me chess is a kind of argument or intellectual discussion. With each move my opponent makes an assertion or propounds an idea which I endeavour to refute. The players may be said to resemble opposing counsel in a court of law awaiting the infallible verdict of an invisible jury. It is the mental stimulus of the discussion that constitutes its fascination, with the additional satisfaction, if I win, of having proved my case.”

NEWS FROM THE BRITISH ISLES.

The championship of the Civil Service has been won by Mr. G. Wernick (G.P.O. North), who defeated Mr. E. W. Osler (G.P.O. Mount Pleasant) in the final. The game was played at the Gambit Chess Rooms, and was an exciting encounter in which both players tried their best to win.

Mr. G. Barron, the enterprising chess editor of the *Hull Times* is (together with some collaborators) bringing out a new monthly magazine to be called *The Draughts Review*. The first number is due on November 1st, and all those interested in the game of draughts are advised to write to Mr. Barron at 6 Sculcoates Lane, Hull, and secure a copy.

The magazine will consist of twenty pages (excluding the cover), be issued at 6/- per annum, and is guaranteed for twelve months; single copies 6d. or by post 7d. The games section will include the 1924 Glasgow tourney games (copyright), and the problem side will deal not only with the usual original and other positions, but will include a special article each month on the work of a selected composer. A compilation on the "barred" openings will be commenced, and an "Elementary Page" given which, it is hoped, will really appeal to the beginner. It is proposed to devote a page to the Polish Game; this will be in the hands of an expert continental player who will deal with the elements of the game in a manner which it is believed will interest the "man in the street." In all departments, the editor has received promises of support from capable and well-known players.

Subscriptions, inquiries *re* advertisements and agents' terms, and all matters connected with the management should be forwarded to the Publishers, *The Draughts Review*, 6 Sculcoates Lane, Hull, England. All reviews, exchanges, news items, problems and game to the Editor, *The Draughts Review*, 48 Snow Hill, Stoke-on-Trent, England.

An important new publication will make its appearance early in October. This will be *The Chess Budget*, a weekly production which aims at giving the full news and score of all matches played in the preceding seven days. It will be the official organ of the London Chess League and probably other associations and the price will be 1½d. Other features will be a match programme for the week following, a chess club directory, and a chronicle of current events. The publishers are Yonge & Co. of 17 Roscoe Street, London, E.C.1.

London Chess League.—A well-attended meeting of the Council was held at St. Bride Institute on September 23rd. The tenancy of the League's well-appointed room was renewed for another year. Ten individual members were enrolled under the new scheme. Feeling that greater publicity is called for, the secretary has been instructed

to publish an 8-page booklet to give list of fixtures, previous winners and directory of membership.

Arrangements for the Christmas congress were further considered, and it was stated that the Boys' championship was receiving most encouraging assistance in several quarters outside the League. The *Referee* is giving a special prize; and a handsome donation has been sent by a Hastings well-wisher.

The League has accepted the British Chess Federation's new scheme for sharing the expenses of the annual congress.

The secretaries of the various clubs then exchanged dates for the matches in the season's competitions, a tedious job which needed much care and goodwill.

The Sheffield Y.M.C.A. Chess Club had a most successful annual meeting on September 4th. G. H. Harrison was re-elected president, with J. Moore and M. Strassberg as captains of the first and second teams respectively. H. W. Westlake was re-elected hon. secretary.

Another important general meeting was that of the Keighley Club in which excellent progress for the last season was reported. The silver Rook was won by the youngest player, J. R. Horsham, who also had the best score in club matches.

The following were elected officers for 1924-25: President, W. R. Horsham; vice-president, J. A. Woollard; secretary and treasurer, J. R. Horsham, 24 Linton Street, Exley Head, Keighley; captain, C. Lord; vice-captain, F. Peckover.

The possibility of the formation of a local league of chess clubs was discussed as a means of stimulating interest in the game, and the secretary was instructed to get into touch with local clubs with a view to ascertaining their attitude toward the project.

J. A. Woollard played nine of the members simultaneously on Tuesday evening, winning six games and losing three.

The play in the Birmingham club championship was completed with a win by R. A. V. Tayar over A. R. Chamberlain (holder), and the full scores in order are: Mackenzie, $7\frac{1}{2}$; Tayar, 6; Chamberlain, $5\frac{1}{2}$; Allender, $4\frac{1}{2}$; Spears, $3\frac{1}{2}$; and Prentice, 3. There were two prizes.

A club which shows great promise of becoming very virile is that of Ramsgate (Kent). The hon. secretary, R. M. Fleming, who is also a master at Chatham House School, greatly encourages the boys to take an interest in the game.

On the opening day, October 2nd, at the club rooms at the Y.M.C.A., the headmaster will present the Kent County Chess Association prize to W. L. Starling, before the whole school, the runner-up receiving Lasker's *Chess Strategy* (presented by Mr. Fleming).

The twentieth annual meeting of the Edinburgh Ladies' Chess Club was held at the club rooms, 20 Rutland Square, on September 5th, Miss S. E. S. Mair, presiding.

The hon. secretary reported that the past season had been a very successful one. The membership had increased, and the standard of play had improved. In the Spens cup matches, open to all junior clubs in Scotland, the club team had reached the finals, after winning from Perth and Motherwell in the semi-finals. This was the fourth time the club had reached the finals. Twenty-nine matches were played in all, three teams having played in the League matches.

The club championship, trophy and gold medal had been won by Mrs. Ritchie, who won it in 1919. The silver medal went to the president, Miss S. E. S. Mair. Miss Henderson won the trophy and medal in Division "B," and Miss F. Tweedie the medal in Division "C." Mrs. Ritchie and Miss Watson won the president's competition in the two divisions, and Miss G. Milne Rae won the handicap competition. Prizes for problem solving were won by Mrs. Ritchie, Miss Mercer and Mrs. Mill.

The president, in commenting on the report, said the club, which would celebrate its majority next year, has done much since its inception to popularise the "Queen of Games" among the ladies of Edinburgh and elsewhere.

Mrs. Macfie, Borthwick Hall, was re-elected hon. president; Miss S. E. S. Mair, LL.D., president; Mrs. Ritchie and Mrs. Hill, vice-presidents; and Miss Malcolm, hon. secretary and treasurer.

City of London Chess Club.—The Murton cup handicap tournament (thirty entries) was finished on Wednesday, 10th September, 1924, and six handsome prizes were handed to the prize-winners, *viz.* :—

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| 1st prize | B. J. Mooney. | Class 2B. |
| 2nd " | } tie { | J. H. Blake. " 1A. |
| 3rd " | | B. W. Hamilton. " 1B. |
| 4th " | | E. A. Michell. " 2B. |
| 5th " | | T. R. E. Ross. " 1A. |
| 6th " | F. W. Viney. | " 1B. |

Five level tournaments will commence in October.

The Irish Championship.—This contest was extremely close, and the destination of all three medals in doubt until the completion of the final round when, by winning against Professor Thrift, P. Baker secured the championship and the gold medal with 5 wins and 2 losses. The Professor (4 wins, 2 losses and 1 draw) tied with J. Creevey (3 wins, 1 loss and 3 draws) for second and third places. T. G. Cranston scored 4 points—4 wins and 3 losses. On casting lots the silver medal fell to Creevey and the bronze to Professor Thrift.

In the Major tournament, played in two sections, the first three from each section competed in a final tourney and the winner, contrary to anticipations published last month, proved to be Lord Dunsany, who struck a vein of solid and convincing chess. J. Sayers was second.

The tournament was, in all respects, an unqualified success, and as a result there is now a movement for the purpose of establishing a yearly competition tourney lasting a week for the Irish champion

ship. Such an annual meeting would do much to awaken interest in chess in Ireland, and it is to be hoped that the project succeeds.

J.C.

The Imperial Chess Club begins its new season on October 1st at 62 Brook Street, W. Subscriptions then become due. The club has accepted the invitation to organise a Display for the benefit of the British Women's Patriotic League, when Mr. Géza Maroczy, the Hungarian master, will play 30 boards simultaneously. A lightning tournament will also take place, followed by a concert and tea at the Hyde Park Hotel, Knightsbridge, on Saturday, October 25th, at 3 p.m. Prizes will be given. Non-members may attend. Boards will be allotted in rotation up to October 20th. Tickets 7/6 each. For players on Herr Maroczy's boards, 10/6 each (inclusive), may be obtained from the Imperial Chess Club, 62 Brook Street, W.

The spread of the royal game has now led to the formation of a London Commercial Chess League, in which the following clubs are included :—Cornhill Chess Club ; Lloyds Sports (Royal Exchange) ; Anglo-Mex Chess Club ; Morton's Chess Club ; Motor Union Chess Club ; Nestanglo Chess Club ; St. Helen's Court Chess Club ; Sedgwick Collins Sports Club ; C. T. Bowring's Sports Club ; Shell-Mex Chess Club.

Six of the best players will be barred owing to the recognised strength of the Shell-Mex Club. An excellent contest should result, and the level of play be quickly improved by the regular practice in the League matches. The minimum is 9 a-side, but a greater number can be mutually arranged. Each club will meet the others once during the season.

A championship Cup has been presented by C. D. Morton, president of the League, whose name is familiar to most London players, and he has thus continued his good work on behalf of chess.

A Council meeting was held on Friday, 19th September, at the headquarters of the Anglo-Mex Club, when J. A. Miles, vice-president, presided in the absence of the president.

The fixture list was confirmed, and it was decided to hold a dinner at the end of the Season at which the Cup would be presented.

This good send-off augurs well for future success.

The annual general meeting of the Cosmopolitan Banks Chess Club was held on Tuesday, September 16th at their headquarters. "The Crooked Billet," Crooked Lane, E.C. Mr. George Devine in the chair.

The report showed that the club had made considerable progress and hopes are entertained that the coming season will be more successful still.

New members will be welcomed, the qualification being that they are on the staff of any Bank not affiliated to the London Banks Chess League. The hon. secretary is W. Jones of Messrs. A. Ruffer & Sons, Ltd., 79 Lombard Street, E.C.3. who will be glad to reply to any enquiries.

The opening meeting of the 40th season of the London Four-handed Chess Club will take place on Tuesday, October 7th, at the headquarters of the Club, 4 Park Place, St. James', at 4-30 p.m. The president, Sir A. C. Bruce, J.P., presiding.

The annual general meeting of the Islington Chess Club was held on September 18th, and owing to the unavoidable absence of the president, C. G. E. Fletcher, Esq., C.B.E., the chair was taken by the Rev. Alan Ewband.

All the officers were re-elected and the various reports met with hearty approval. The chief item of business concerned the change of headquarters. The club has been fortunate in securing a very spacious and well-appointed room at 14/24 Highbury Corner (adjoining the Underground station). This is most easy of access by Underground, N.L. railway, and numerous tram and bus services. The club will meet there every Friday from 7 to 10-30 p.m. throughout the year, and new members are welcome at any time.

The meeting concluded with the presentation of prizes to the following winners of last season's tournaments :—

Championship Trophy, L. T. Harris ; "Crole-Rees" Shield, Mrs. G. C. Ewbank ; Winter Handicap, H. Meek (1st prize), Mrs. Ewbank (2nd prize), H. L. Zeckhausen (3rd prize) ; Summer Handicap, F. W. Boff and J. Francis tied for 1st and 2nd prizes and P. Smith, L. T. Harris and H. L. Zeckhausen tied for 3rd prize.

In addition to the usual competitions a novel "Ladder" tournament will be held during the coming season, and a special prize for this will be kindly given by W. C. Slater. The hon. secretary, H. Meek, 20 Claremont Road, Highgate, N.6, will be pleased to answer any enquiries concerning club membership.

OBITUARY.

We deeply regret to learn of the death early in September, of Mrs. Gertrude Alison Anderson, three times British Women's champion at chess, *viz.*, in 1909, 1912 and 1921—on the last occasion after a tie with Miss Price and Mrs. Stevenson. She competed in the women's open tournament at the London congress in 1922, when she tied with Mrs. Michell for 4th place. Since then she took no part in serious chess.

The wife of a chessplayer of merit, Mr. D. L. Anderson, Mrs. Anderson at her best was an antagonist who compelled respect, and it always seemed as if she ought to do even better than she did. In private life she was a very charming lady, and accomplished with her pen, alike as author and as artist. We offer our sincere condolences to her husband and son.

We also much regret the deaths of the Rev. W. H. Cockett, hon. secretary of the Somerset C.A. for some years previous to 1915, who died at Taunton on August 2nd ; and of Mr. S. Katz, formerly one of the strongest members of the Bohemian C.C., Birmingham.

NEWS FROM THE DOMINIONS AND FOREIGN LANDS.

CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP.

(From our own Correspondent).

Unprecedented as a success from the point of view of the number of entries, and the strength of the players, the recent tournament of the Canadian Chess Federation resulted in a victory for J. S. Morrison, of Toronto, now four times winner of the title. The event was staged at the Royal Connaught Hotel, Hamilton, and the local committee are to be congratulated for the excellent management for this, their first undertaking of the premier tournament of the Dominions.

The commencement of play at 1 p.m. on Monday, August 18th, was preceded by an address of welcome to the players by Mayor Jutten, who spoke of the attractions of Hamilton, and gave some interesting statistics of its progress. A souvenir medal, with the coat of arms of the city, was presented to each of the players.

The prizes offered were as follows : I, \$100 and custody, till the next tournament, of the Drewry cup, emblematic of the Canadian championship ; II, \$75 ; III, \$50 ; IV, \$25 ; V, \$15. A handsome cup was also presented to the tournament by *The Evening Telegram*, of Toronto.

Play went full steam ahead, with two rounds a day and three on the Friday, in order to meet the requirements of those players whose time was limited. With the adjourned games commencing at 8 a.m. it was somewhat of a tax on all.

The tournament was noteworthy for the entry of two newcomers to the country, Maurice Fox, formerly of London, and George Eastman, from Stockholm, both of them finishing in the prize-list. Indeed Fox made it very exciting for Morrison, and it is probable he would have wrested the title, if his clock had not got too far ahead of him in his game with the champion in the seventh round. Fox, who had been leading all along by a half-point, claimed some irregularity in the clock's action, and while there appeared some justification for his protest, the officials could not sift anything out to a certainty. The disturbing incident certainly affected Fox's play for a while, during which time he lost to Rombach, the brilliant Montrealer.

Gale, the Toronto champion, was off with a bad start, blundering a piece away to Eastman in the first round. His other losses were to the two leaders. Against Le Dain, the Montreal champion, he succeeded with an elegant trap, when the position was against him.

Eastman might have done better if he played less heavily on his clock. Against Fox he got a fine attack by sacrificing the Exchange, but missed the continuation in the subsequent rush. When his chances for first place became remote, he tried a spectacular Evans against Whitfield, in the hope of getting near the *Telegram* brilliancy prize cup. This cost another point. Rombach, ex-champion of

Montreal, who divided fourth and fifth prizes with him, has good chances for this award for his game with Moncur, of Hamilton.

The veteran Narraway made an exceptionally fine showing. Had the tournament been extended over a couple of weeks, he would have been less handicapped. In the circumstances he tired during the middle of the contest. Ritchie, of Hamilton, who tied with him, lost his points by erratic play. Against Morrison he was a Rook up towards the end, but blundered it away. The other two local competitors, Moncur and Kittson, failed to equal expectations. The former was handicapped by having to squeeze in attention to business at every opportunity. The veteran Kittson was unwell throughout.

A promising young player was discovered in Whitfield, of Galt. He held Morrison to the draw, as also did Ewing, of Vancouver.

The banquet to the players was held on the Wednesday, and was noteworthy for the reappearance of Bishop Reeve after his long illness. He delivered a fine address to the players, quite the best of some good ones.

The tournament wound up on Monday, August 25th, after being in progress eight days. Several of the players departed to Toronto, to take part in the Exhibition.

Vancouver is very desirous of having the next tourney, in the fall of 1925. Though rather remote for the majority of the good players of the Dominion, it would give a very desirable impetus to chess in the Far West, and link up the work of the Federation.

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| 1 Morrison (Toronto) .. | — | I | I | I | I | I | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | I | I | I | I | I | I | 14 | I |
| 2 Fox (Peterboro') .. | 0 | — | I | 0 | I | I | I | I | I | I | I | I | I | I | I | I | 13 | II |
| 3 Gale (Toronto) .. | 0 | 0 | — | I | 0 | I | I | I | I | I | I | I | I | I | I | I | 12 | III |
| 4 Rombach (Montreal) .. | 0 | I | 0 | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | 0 | I | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | I | I | I | 0 | 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ | IV |
| 5 Eastman (Toronto) .. | 0 | 0 | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | I | 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ | V |
| 6 Ritchie (Hamilton) .. | 0 | 0 | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | — | 0 | I | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | I | I | I | I | I | 9 | |
| 7 Narraway (Ottawa) .. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | — | 0 | I | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | I | I | I | I | 9 | |
| 8 Ewing (Vancouver) .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | 0 | I | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | I | — | 0 | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | I | I | I | I | 8 | |
| 9 Whitfield (Galt) .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | I | 0 | 0 | I | — | I | I | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | I | 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 10 Le Dain (Montreal) .. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | I | 0 | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | I | I | I | I | 7 | |
| 11 Howard (Winnipeg) .. | 0 | 0 | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | — | I | I | 0 | I | I | 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 12 Moncur (Hamilton) .. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | I | 0 | 0 | — | 0 | I | 0 | I | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 13 Kittson (Hamilton) .. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | 0 | I | — | 0 | I | I | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 14 Wilson (Montreal) .. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | I | 0 | I | — | 0 | I | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 15 Butler (Halifax) .. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | I | 0 | I | — | I | 3 | |
| 16 Carver (Wiarnton) .. | 0 | 0 | 0 | I | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | — | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ | |

South Africa.—The full result of the S.A. championship congress at Durban was : A. Chavkin, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$; Dr. J. B. McCord, 5 ; Dr. M. Blieden, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$; L. Edgcumbe, 4 ; E. C. Hooper, 3 ; L. Charney and F. W. Dunbar, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$; and S. C. Chard, 1.

Alexander Chavkin was born at Sager, Lithuania, forty-two years ago, and is of Jewish extraction. He arrived in South Africa in 1899 (we learn from *The Pretoria News*), first competed in the

S.A. championship in 1912, and in 1920 tied with A. J. A. Cameron for first place, the tie remaining undecided. In the present tournament he lost in the opening round to McCord, but subsequently only dropped half a point.

It is noteworthy that Dunbar was the only South African-born representative in the tournament (King William's Town, 1884), Edgumbe, Hooper and Chard being Londoners, McCord from Illinois, U.S.A., Blieden, we believe, from Holland, and Charney from Vilna, Poland.

There is one matter for regret in connection with the congress, that Cape Town refused its official co-operation, Charney entering as representative of the University only. It is not, however, for us to pronounce upon disputes of this nature.

In a match between Home-born and Elsewhere-born in Durban on July 8th, the former team triumphed by $12\frac{1}{2}$ — $6\frac{1}{2}$, their leader, R. W. Borders, setting them the example with a win over G. W. Gray.

The championship tournament of the Durban C.C. ended in a tie for first place between L. Edgumbe and L. Slawsky.

Australia.—The Australian championship began at Brisbane on August 11th with the following entries: W. S. Viner and A. E. N. Wallace (N.S.W.), C. G. Watson and G. Gundersen (Victoria), C. L. R. Boyce, A. J. Ansaldo, F. Robinson and J. K. Christensen (Queensland), E. A. Coleman and J. Sayers (W.A.), and A. Ingledew (Tasmania).

It may be noted that Mr. Viner was recognised by the Australian Chess Federation as Australian champion, owing to the fact that Mr. Watson, the last winner, found it impossible to take up Viner's challenge to a match after his return to Australia after the London congress of 1922.

Previous to the great affair, A. E. N. Wallace (ex-champion of Australia) had just won the N.S.W. championship, with a score of 15 points in 16 games; and C. L. R. Boyce that of Queensland, with 6 points in 8 games.

New Zealand.—The telegraphic match between Wellington and Canterbury was won by the former, $14\frac{1}{2}$ — $5\frac{1}{2}$. Only the first 12 boards counted towards the club championship of N.Z., and on these Wellington won 10—2. W. Mason, at the top of the winners' team, beat H. L. Anderson.

Auckland beat Nelson 9—3, or, including supplementary boards, $10\frac{1}{2}$ — $4\frac{1}{2}$.

Kostich's N.Z. tour was to last two months. In a week's play at Wellington his only loss was to A. W. Gyles, during his second simultaneous display.

From Wellington Kostich went on to Dunedin.

Mr. Kelling points out that the Dominion has once previously had a visit from a distinguished European master, *viz.*, in 1887, when Count Heydebrandt und von der Lasa paid flying calls at Wellington and Napier. The Count was 69 years of age, and he only played four games, against C. W. Benbow and P. F. Jacobsen.

United States.—In the Western championship at Detroit the following 17 players took part : S. Faktor, H. Hahlbohm and A. Margolis (Chicago), K. Erdeky (Pittsburg), N. N. Banks, L. Stolzenberg and John Winter (Detroit), C. Torre (concerning whom see below), P. S. Goerlich (Bethlehem, Pa.), L. Spero (Cleveland), M. Palmer (Tama, Ia.), N. A. Ruth (Philadelphia), N. T. Whitaker (Washington, D.C.), R. S. Scriven (Memphis), B. C. Jenkins (Logansport, Ind.), S. Mlotkowski (Los Angeles) and S. Reshevsky (New York). We have adopted the new official spelling of the last player's name.

The result was a brilliant victory for Carlos Torre, with a score of 12 wins and 4 draws. Torre is only nineteen years of age, and comes from Yucatan, Mexico. He has lately been residing in New Orleans, but entered as from New York, being a member of the Marshall C.C. He is hailed as one of the rising players of America, and is evidently very strong indeed.

The other leading scores were : Faktor, Hahlbohm and Whitaker, 11½ each ; Reshevsky, 11 ; Banks, 10½ ; Ruth, 11 ; and Mlotkowski, 9.

The New York State championship, at Rochester, shortly before the Western affair, attracted nine entries, and the result was a tie between Torre and H. E. Jennings (Rochester), both of whom were unbeaten. The well-known Roy T. Black (Syracuse) could only attain third place, while E. B. Adams (Brooklyn) was fourth. Torre and Jennings agreed to play off their tie later, at the Marshall C.C.

In the Class A tournament H. Helfman was 1st, and Lee Clarke, president of the Rochester C.C., 2nd.

France.—The new French champion is R. Crépeaux (of Nice) who created a great surprise. Particulars next month.

Hungary.—In the tournament at Győr (Raab) in August the result was as follows : Dr. G. Nagy, 10 ; D. Przepiorka, 9½ ; Dr. L. Asztalos, 9 ; Dr. A. Vajda and V. Vukovich, 8½ ; L. Steiner and M. Walter, 8 ; G. Maroczy and H. Müller, 7½ ; K. Havasi, 6½ ; A. Steiner, 6 ; Dr. J. Balogh, 5 ; Dr. A. Seitz, 4½ ; G. Exner, 3½ ; and A. Grüber, 3.

Maroczy's comparatively low place argues the strength of the opposition.

The Major tournament, qualifying the winner for mastership in Hungary, fell to L. Merenyi.

Germany.—A match at Bodenbach on August 24th, between the Saxon C.A. and the German C.A. of Czecho-Slovakia saw a victory for the Saxons by 9—5, with 3 games left for adjudication.

At the ninth Bavarian congress, Munich, July 19th—27th, Dr. Thoenes won the principal tournament, with 5½ points in 7 games.

The principal tournament of the Mid-Rhine C.A. at Bad Ems, August 16th—20th, was won by Orth, of Darmstadt.

Denmark.—At the Northern congress in Copenhagen, August 11th—23rd, a few foreign masters competed with the Scandinavian

experts. The result was as follows : I, A. Nimzovitch, 9½ points, II, P. Johner, 8 ; III, Allan Nilsson, 6½ ; K. Berndtsson, S. Kinch; Dr. Krause, O. Loevenborg and A. Olsson, 4½ ; A. Brinckmann, 4 ; A. Kier, 3 ; and J. Giersing, 1.

Czecho-Slovakia.—The third congress of the German Chess Association of this country met at Karbitz, August 16th—23rd, when the Hauptturnier A was won by Karl Gilg, of Mährisch-Ostrau, with 8 points in 11 games, Dr. Zimmer, of Limbach (Saxony) being second with 7½ points.

The G.C.A. of Czecho-Slovakia has now no less than 860 members.

Belgium.—The name of the Dutch player who tied for first place in the tournament at Westende was J. H. Pannekoek. We were misled by the handwriting of an esteemed correspondent !

Hermanis Mattison, the Latvian winner of the Olympic chess contest in Paris, was born in Riga on December 27th, 1894, and is by profession a newspaper editor. In the August number of *La Stratégie* there is a photograph of him, and in the *Revue Suisse d'Echecs* a pencil-sketch.

[In connection with the International Chess Federation, the *Deutsches Wochenschach* raises "a fundamental question." What is a nation, it asks, and what is to be done about those countries in which there is a strong racial minority, which has formed an independent chess association, apart from the national organisation ? It instances the German Chess Association of Czecho-Slovakia. Is this to be passed over, and only the national body to be recognised. If so, then it might be that the International Federation would command the allegiance only of the weaker body of players in a particular country.

The point is worthy of attention. But it is difficult to see how the International Chess Federation can recognise officially two independent organisations in one country. Is not the composition of domestic differences a domestic concern ?

Signor A. Dolci, whom Yorkshire chessplayers will remember, recently played a series of friendly matches in Genoa with Col. Stuart Prince, formerly of Nairobi, whose acquaintance we had the pleasure of making at Southport in August. Signor Dolci exploited with some success his own "Genoese Defence," which consists in the following six moves for Black :—

1 (P—Q 4), P—K 3 ; 2 (P—Q B 4), P—K Kt 3 ; 3 (Kt—Q B 3), B—Kt 2 ; 4 (B—B 4), P—Kt 3 ; 5 (P—K 3 or 4), B—Kt 2 ; 6 (Kt—B 3), Kt—K 2.

This "Double Fianchetto" for Black, however, is no novelty.

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GAME DEPARTMENT

Games played in the British Chess Championship Tournament at Southport. Played in the sixth round. Notes by R. P. Michell.

GAME No. 5,292.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

| WHITE | BLACK |
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| H. E. ATKINS | R. P. MICHELL |
| 1 P—Q 4 | 1 P—Q 4 |
| 2 Kt—K B 3 | 2 Kt—K B 3 |
| 3 P—Q B 4 | 3 P—K 3 |
| 4 Kt—Q B 3 | 4 B—K 2 |
| 5 B—Kt 5 | 5 Q Kt—Q 2 |
| 6 P—K 3 | 6 Castles |
| 7 R—Q B 1 | 7 P—Q B 3 |
| 8 Q—B 2 | 8 R—K 1 |
| 9 B—Q 3 | 9 P—K R 3 |
| 10 B—R 4 | |

Mr. Spencer has thrown out the suggestion that there is much to be said for 10 B—B 4 at this point, with the idea that if Black continues 10... P—Q R 3; 11 P—B 5 would then be strong for White.

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| | 10 P—Q R 3 |
| 11 P×P | |
| Preventing ... P×P, ..., P—Q Kt 4, etc., on the part of Black. | |
| | 11 K P×P |
| 12 B—Kt 3 | 12 Kt—R 4 |
| 13 Castles | |
| Not 13 Kt×P, P×Kt; 14 B—B 7, because Black can make an escape for his Queen by 14... B—Kt 5 ch. | |
| | 13 Kt×B |
| 14 R P×Kt | 14 B—B 3 |
| 15 Kt—Q R 4 | 15 Kt—B 1 |
| 16 Q—Kt 3 | 16 R—K 2 |
| 17 Kt—Kt 6 | |

There is nothing very definite to be done; but this manoeuvre, with its sequel, tends to free Black's game.

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| | 17 R—Kt 1 |
| 18 Kt×B | 18 Q×Kt |
| 19 K R—K 1 | 19 Q—K 1 |
| 20 K—B 1 | 20 P—K Kt 3 |
| 21 Q—B 2 | 21 Q R—Q 1 |
| 22 K—Kt 1 | |

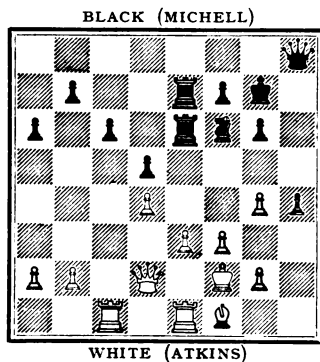
This sort of move indicates not necessarily that a player is in trouble, but that he cannot find a way of improving his position.

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| | 22 Kt—R 2 |
| 23 Q—Q 2 | 23 K—Kt 2 |
| 23 Kt—R 2 | 24 R—Q 3 |
| 25 Kt—Kt 4 | 25 P—K R 4 |
| 26 Kt×B | 26 Kt×Kt |
| 27 P—K B 3 | |

In his forecast of the position resulting from this move White overlooked Black's 30th move.

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| | 27 Q R—K 3 |
| 28 K—B 2 | 28 Q—K R 1 |
| 29 B—B 1 | 29 P—R 5 |
| 30 P—K Kt 4 | |

Position after 30 P—K Kt 4.



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| | 30 Q—Q Kt 1! |
| 31 R—Q B 3 | 31 Q—Kt 6 ch |
| 32 K—K 2 | |

This turns out badly, but 32 K—Kt 1 would leave White in an uncomfortable position; ... Kt—R 2 would probably be Black's best reply.

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| | 32 Kt—R 2 |
| 33 K—Q 1 | 33 Kt—Kt 4 |
| 34 P—K 4 | 34 P—R 6 |
| 35 P—K B 4 | |

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| If 35 Q×Kt, P—R 7 wins. | | | |
| 36 B—K 2 | 35 Q×P(Kt5)ch | 39 P×P | 38 R×R |
| 37 B×Q | 36 Kt×K P | 40 B×R | 39 K R—K 7 |
| 38 K—B 2 | 37 Kt×R ch | 41 P×Kt | 40 R×B |
| Here again and at the next move the threat of ..., P—R 7 is the determining factor. | | 42 K×R | 41 R×Q ch |
| | | 43 K—K 3 | 42 K—B 3 |
| | | 44 K—B 3 | 43 K—B 4 |
| | | 45 Resigns | 44 P—Kt 3 |

GAME NO. 5,293.

Played in the second round. Notes by J. H. Blake.

Irregular Opening.

WHITE

R. H. V. SCOTT

BLACK

R. P. MICHELL

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| 1 Kt—K B 3 | 1 P—Q 4 |
| 2 P—B 4 | 2 P—Q B 3 |
| 3 P—Q Kt 3 | 3 B—B 4 |
| 4 B—Kt 2 | 4 P—K 3 |
| 5 P—K R 3 | 5 Kt—B 3 |
| 6 P—K Kt 4 | |

It will be observed that Mr. Scott is adopting Réti's development of the double fianchetto, with P—Q B 4, and the centre Pawns held back; but he is not content to be simply a follower in the matter, and this idea of P—K Kt 4 instead of P—K Kt 3 is part of his contribution to the theory of this form of opening. Whether Réti would regard it as an improvement is another question. It has the defect of leaving his K B 4 square unguarded (after he has played his Queen's Knight round to K 3).

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| 7 B—Kt 2 | 6 B—Kt 3 |
| 8 P—Q 3 | 7 Q Kt—Q 2 |
| 9 Q Kt—Q 2 | 8 B—Q 3 |
| 10 P—R 3 | 9 Q—K 2 |

This is Mr. Scott's other contribution to the opening theory; he has apparently assimilated the lesson of Games Nos. 5,249 and 5,266, which shewed that the weak spot in this opening is Q Kt 3; he seeks, therefore, to get in P—Q Kt 4 before the opponent can begin to operate upon that weakness. The sub-

sequent course of this game, however, indicates that the same square remains vulnerable in spite of the advance of the Knight's Pawn.

10 P—K R 3

.....Black is basing his defence upon the method of Dr. Lasker in Game No. 5,266; but he does not here perhaps make the moves in the best order. 10..., P—Q R 4 would prevent White advancing the weak Pawn, and seriously hinder the development of White's Queen's Rook. Two rounds later the present annotator adopted this plan, and it was noticed that after his experience in that game Mr. Scott played no more "hyper-modern" in the tournament.

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| 11 P—Kt 4 | 11 P—Q R 4 |
| 12 P—Q Kt 5 | 12 B P×P |

.....An exchange which is incompatible with the subsequent advance of ..., P—K 4, because there is then set up the centre weakness which Réti's methods aim at exploiting. 12..., B—B 5 is playable. White cannot well reply 13 P—K 3 on account of 13..., Kt—B 4. 12..., Castles KR and 12..., P—R 5 are promising alternatives.

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| 13 P×Kt P | 13 Castles K R |
| 14 Kt—B 1 | 14 P—K 4 |

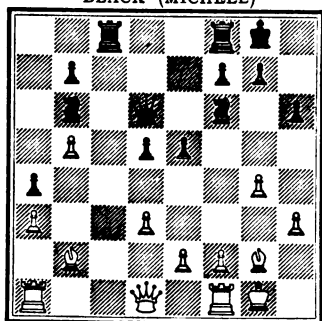
.....Now 14..., Kt—B 4; 15 Kt—K 3, P—R 5; 16 Kt—Q 4. B—K 4 gives Black a lasting attack. The text-move costs his

two Bishops for the two White Knights and leaves White the initiative afterwards. 16.., B—B 2 might seem to keep one Bishop but the White Knight is then so formidable in conjunction with the advancing Pawns that it is better to pay the price to get rid of that piece.

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| 15 Kt—R 4 | 15 Kt—Kt 3 |
| 16 Kt—K 3 | 16 K R—K 1 |
| 17 K Kt—B 5 | 17 B×Kt |
| 18 Kt×B | 18 Q—Q 2 |
| 19 Kt×B | 19 Q×Kt |
| 20 Castles | 20 Q R—B 1 |
| 21 Q—Kt 3 | 21 P—R 5 |
| 22 Q—Q 1 | |

Position after 22 Q—Q 1.

BLACK (MICHELL)



WHITE (SCOTT)

22 R—B 4

.....Overlooking the strong reply. 22.., K Kt—Q 2 and 23.., P—B 3 were necessary before attacking White's weak Pawn.

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| 23 B×K P! | 23 Q—Q 2 |
| 24 P—B 4 | 24 R×P |

.....24..Q×Q Kt P was hardly an improvement, for after 25 R—Kt 1, Q—B 3; 26 B—Q 4, R—Kt 4; 27 R—B 1 the Black Rook has still been driven out of play, with greater gain of time to White.

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| 25 R—B 1 | 25 R—Q B 1 |
| 26 R×R ch | 26 Q×R |
| 27 B—Q 4 | 27 K Kt—Q 2 |
| 28 P—Kt 5 | 28 Q—B 3 |

.....28.., P×P; 29 P×P, Kt—B 4 seems to leave White with less choice of attacks.

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| 29 Q—R 1 | 29 Q—Kt 3 |
| 30 P—R 4 | 30 P—B 4 |
| 31 Q—B 3 | 31 K—R 2 |
| 32 Q—B 7 | 32 Q—Q B 3 |
| 33 Q—Q 8 | 33 Q—K 3 |
| 34 P—R 5 | 34 Q—Kt 1 |
| 35 Q—K 7 | 35 Q—K B 1 |
| 36 Q—K 6 | 36 Resigns |

White has used the superior mobility of his Queen with great skill.

GAME NO. 5,294.

Played in the seventh round. Notes by J. H. Blake.

Giuoco Piano.

WHITE

E. SPENCER

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| 1 P—K 4 |
| 2 Kt—K B 3 |
| 3 B—B 4 |
| 4 P—Q 3 |
| 5 Castles |
| 6 P—B 3 |

BLACK

H. E. ATKINS

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| 1 P—K 4 |
| 2 Kt—Q B 3 |
| 3 B—B 4 |
| 4 Kt—B 3 |
| 5 P—Q 3 |
| 6 Q—K 2 |

.....Indicative of the intention to meet 7 P—Q 4 with .., B—Kt 3.

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| 7 R—K 1 | 7 B—Kt 3 |
| 8 B—Kt 3 | 8 B—Q 2 |
| 9 Kt—R 3 | 9 P—K R 3 |

.....9.., P—Q R 3, to preserve the Bishop, would not be worth the time spent; *e.g.*, 9.., P—Q R 3; 10 Kt—B 4, B—R 2; 11 B—K 3, and an exchange must be submitted to after all.

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| 10 Kt—B 4 | 10 Kt—Q R 4 |
| 11 Kt×B | 11 R P×Kt |
| 12 B—B 2 | 12 Kt—R 2 |
| 13 P—Q 4 | 13 Kt—Q B 3 |
| 14 P—K R 3 | 14 Q—B 3 |
| 15 B—K 3 | 15 R—Q 1 |

.....Being in possession of an open file it might be as well to compel White to provide for the

safety of his Rook's Pawn before taking the Rook away; but Mr. Atkins aims at being, whenever possible, in advance of the intention he attributes to his opponent—in this case the opening of the Queen's file. See, however, his 23rd and 34th moves.

- 16 Kt—R 2 16 P—K Kt 4
17 B—R 4 17 Q—Kt 3
18 Kt—B 3 18 P—B 3

.....A safe move, probably made under clock pressure. 18.., P—Kt 5 is strong; and an equally good opportunity does not recur for some time.

- 19 P—B 4 19 P—R 4

.....Now 19.., P—Kt 5 is not good, because after 20 Kt—R 4 Black can no longer reply .., Q—B 3; and 20.., Q—R 4 is open to the strong reply 21 Kt—B 5.

- 20 R—Q B 1 20 R—K Kt 1
21 R—B 3 21 Kt—B 1
22 K—R 1 22 R—K R 1
23 P—Q R 3 23 R—Q R 1
24 B—B 2 24 Q—Kt 2
25 R—K Kt 1

25.., P—Kt 5 is now seriously threatened once more; this is to be able to reply 26 Kt—R 2 without thereby losing a Pawn.

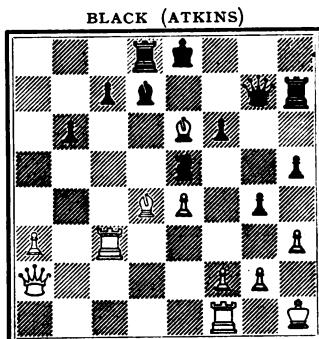
- 25 Kt—Kt 3
26 P—Q Kt 4 26 R—K R 2 ?
27 P—B 5 27 Kt P×P

.....He cannot afford to temporise any longer, but should now play 27.., P—Kt 5; 28 Kt—R 2, P×Q P; 29 B×P, Kt×B; 30 Q×Kt, Q P×P; 31 Kt P×P, P—Kt 4. White's Queen's side attack is then ended, and Black threatens to get a strong game with .., Kt—B 5 or .., Kt—K 4 (according to White's play). The difference between this and what occurred is mainly that White would be left with a Knight out of play at K R 2 instead of a strongly posted Bishop at Q B 5.

- 28 Kt P×P 28 P×B P
29 P×K P 29 Q Kt×P
30 B×P 30 Kt×Kt

- 31 Q×Kt 31 Kt—K 4
32 Q—K 2 32 B—B 3
33 R—K B 1 33 P—Kt 5
34 B—Kt 3 34 R—Q 1
35 B—K 6 35 B—Q 2
36 Q—R 2 36 P—Kt 3
37 B—Q 4

Position after 37 B—Q 4.



WHITE (SPENCER)

37 B×B

.....If 37.., B—Kt 4; 38 B×Kt, and Black dare not play .., B×R because the reply R×P would win. If 37.., P—Q B 4; 38 B×Kt, P×B; 39 R—Q 1, B—B 3, and although Black's Pawns are terribly weak his game may nevertheless be defensible. The text-move should lose, by letting into active play the White Queen which has been only a supporting piece heretofore.

- 38 Q×B ch 38 Q—K 2
.....If 38.., K—B 1; 39 B×Kt, P×B; 40 P—B 4 wins.
39 Q—Kt 8 ch 39 K—Q 2
40 Q—Kt 3 ! 40 R—Kt 2

.....If 40.., Q—K 3; 41 R×P ch wins. If 40.., Q—Q 3; 41 B×Kt, Q×B; 42 R—Q 1 ch, K—B 1; 43 R×R ch, K×R; 44 Q—Kt 8 ch, wins. If 40.., K—K 1; 41 R×P, Q×R; 42 Q—Kt 8 ch, K—K 2; 43 Q×R ch, Kt—B 2; 44 B—K 3, and should win.

- 41 Q—Kt 5 ch 41 K—K 3
42 B×Kt 42 P×B
43 P—B 4 43 P×P e.p.
44 Q—B 4 ch

This hurries matters unnecessarily. The winning line was simply 44 K R×P. Black could not reply 44... Q-Kt 4 because of 45 R-K Kt 3, Q-B 3 (Q×R-46 Q-Kt 3 ch wins); 46 R; B 6 ch, R-Q 3; 47 Q-B 4 ch. K moves; 48 R×P ch and wins. Nor 44... R-Q 3 because of 45 Q-B 4 ch, K-Q 2; 46 Q×P ch, K-K 1; 47 Q-Kt 8 ch, R-Q 1; 48 R-Q B 8 and wins. His sole resource would be 44... P-B 4; 45 Q×P ch, Q-Q 3, and White has the option of exchanging Queens with a winning end-game, or of continuing the attack by 46 Q-Kt 5.

47 Q-K 2 47 K-R 2
48 R-R 5 ch 48 K-Kt 3
49 R-B 6 ch 49 R-Q 3
50 Q-B 3 50 Q-K 3
51 R-B 3

51 R×R, P×R; 52 R×R P is still good enough for winning purposes.

51 R-B 2
52 R-Q 7
53 R×K P

Overlooking that he will be afterwards unable to take the Black Rook on account of, ..., R-B 8 mate. After 53 Q×R K×R, the position is rather in favour of Black, who has had, however, a very lucky escape.

45 K R×P ch 44 K-B 3
46 R-B 5 45 K-Kt 3
46 P-R 5

54 Resigns

GAME No. 5,295.

Played in the ninth round. Notes by J. H. Blake.

Ruy Lopez.

| WHITE | | BLACK | |
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| Sir G. A. THOMAS | H. SAUNDERS | | |
| 1 P-K 4 | 1 P-K 4 | | |
| 2 Kt-K B 3 | 2 Kt-Q B 3 | | |
| 3 B-Kt 5 | 3 P-Q R 3 | | |
| 4 B-R 4 | 4 Kt-B 3 | | |
| 5 P-Q 4 | 5 P×P | | |
| 6 Q-K 2 | | | |

More usually played on the 5th move. Its adoption after 5 P-Q 4, P×P is suggestive of a desire to give the opening a gambit form.

6 B-K 2

.....This Bishop is usually needed at Q B 4 in this form of the opening; Black soon finds himself severely cramped in the centre as a consequence of ..., B-K 2.

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| 7 Castles | 7 Castles |
| 8 P-K 5 | 8 Kt-K 1 |
| 9 R-Q 1 | 9 P-Q Kt 4 |
| 10 B-Kt 3 | 10 B-Kt 2 |

.....10... P-Q 4 could advantageously come first, as the Bishop is not well placed on the long diagonal if White does not take the Queen's Pawn *en passant*.

White now carries the gambit idea a step further, but Black rightly declines.

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| 11 P-B 3 | 11 P-Q 4 |
| 12 B P×P | 12 Kt-Q R 4 |

.....12... Q-Q 2; 13 Kt-B 3, Kt-Q 1 would save time presently, and aid his defensive resources. The odd-looking move of 12... P-Kt 5 is an alternative, forestalling further attack on Black's Queen's Pawn, and taking advantage of White's backwardness on that wing.

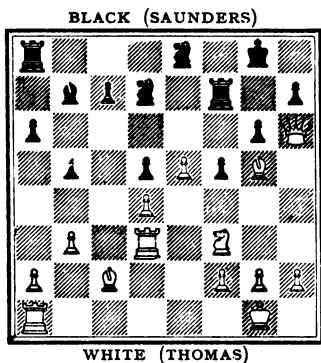
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| 13 B-B 2 | 13 P-K Kt 3 |
| 14 Q-Q 2 | 14 Kt-B 5 |
| 15 Q-R 6 | 15 P-K B 4 |
| 16 P-Q Kt 3 | 16 Kt-Kt 3 |
| 17 R-Q 3 | 17 R-B 2 |
| 18 Kt-Kt 5 | 18 B×Kt |

.....18... B-K B 1 is bad; 19 Kt×R, B×Q; 20 Kt×Q. B×B; 21 Kt×B, B-Kt 7; 22 Kt-B 3, B×R; 23 Kt-Q 1, and the Bishop cannot be extricated.

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| 19 B×B | 19 Q-Q 2 |
| 20 Kt-Q 2 | 20 Q-K 3 |

.....He needs the Queen's Knight at K B 1 before the White Knight can reach K Kt 5; 20., Q—B 3 attacking White's loose Bishop gives him just time to attain this.

21 Kt—B 3 21 Kt—Q 2
Position after 21., Kt—Q 2.



22 B—B 4 22 Q—K 2

.....The losing move. 22., R—Kt 2 was his sole chance of holding the position; but White's attack would still be very harassing.

23 P—K 6 23 Q×P
24 Kt—Kt 5 24 Q—Q B 3
25 Kt×R 25 K×Kt

.....If ... Q×B; 26 Kt—Kt 5 or 26 R—K 3 would be decisive.

26 R—K 3 26 Q Kt—B 3
27 Q R—K 1 27 Q—Q 2
28 B—Kt 5 28 Kt—K 5
29 Q×P ch 29 Kt—Kt 2
30 P—K B 3 30 Kt×B
31 R—K 7 ch 31 Q×R
32 R×Q ch 32 K×R
33 Q×Kt ch 33 Kt—B 2
34 Q×P 34 Resigns

GAME No. 5,296.

Played in the eleventh round. Notes by J. H. Blake.

Irregular Opening.

WHITE BLACK
H. SAUNDERS H. E. ATKINS

1 P—K Kt 3 1 P—K 4
2 B—Kt 2 2 P—Q 4
3 P—Q 3 3 P—Q B 3
4 Kt—K B 3 4 B—Q 3
5 Castles 5 Kt—B 3
6 Kt—B 3 6 Q—K 2
7 P—K 4 7 P×P
8 P×P 8 B—K Kt 5

.....8., Kt—R 3 with ... Kt—B 4 to follow would be preferred by players of Mr. Burn's school. The early disappearance of this Bishop involves weakening his King's side Pawns later.

9 P—K R 3 9 B×Kt
10 Q×B 10 Q Kt—Q 2
11 P—R 3 11 P—K R 3
12 Kt—Q 1 12 Kt—B 4
13 R—K 1 13 B—B 2

14 P—Q Kt 4 14 Q Kt—Q 2

.....14., Kt—K 3 may seem to afford greater mobility; but if White make the leisurely reply 15 P—B 3 there is very little in it.

15 Kt—K 3 15 P—K Kt 3
16 Q—K 2 16 Kt—B 1

.....Superficially this might seem to indicate that Black has already repented of his choice at move 14, but that is not the true explanation. Black's weakness is at K R 3 rather than on the long diagonal from Rook to Rook, and he wants White to declare his intentions with the Queen's Bishop before committing himself; hence these temporising moves.

17 B—Kt 2 ? 17 Q Kt—Q 2
18 P—K B 4

A diagram of the position after Black's last move was given on p. 363. This attack is premature;

its immediate object, *viz.*, K 5, is already more strongly defended then it can be attacked; there is therefore ample time to remove its ultimate object, *viz.*, the Black King's Rook, out of range.

18 P×P
19 Kt—Kt 4
20 P—K 5

20 Kt×P ch, K—R 2 is plainly of no use to White. No better would be 20 P×P, B×P; 21 P—K 5, Kt×Kt; 22 Q×Kt, B—Kt 4 (not 22... B×P; 23 Q R—Q 1), and the attack is broken.

21 Q×Kt
22 Q×B P

Here White had an alternative in 22 P×P, Kt×Q; 23 R×Q, B—Kt 3 ch; 24 K—R 1, Kt—B 7 ch; 25 K—R 2, Q R—Q 1; 26 B—Q B 3, Kt—Q 8; 27 B—K 1, Kt—K 6; White might perhaps draw but could not expect to do more.

22 P—B 3
23 R—K 4

He should have been content to equalise by 23 Q×R P; there is

no reasonable expectation of succeeding against an extra Pawn plus a powerfully placed Black piece at K 4.

23 K—Kt 2
24 Q R—K 1
25 R—K R 1
26 Q—B 2
27 Kt—Q 2
28 R×R
29 Kt—K 4
30 R—Q 1
31 P—K Kt 4
32 Q—Q 2

.....Black might justifiably have played to win here. 32... Kt—Kt 3 is good; but 32... R—Q 2, threatening 33... Kt—Q 6, is still more effective. The text move ensures the draw which was all that the state of his score required.

33 B—Kt 2
34 K—B 2
35 K—B 3
36 B×Kt
37 K×Q
38 R—K 3
39 P—Kt 5
40 P×P
41 P—Kt 4

33 Q—Q 8 ch
34 Kt—Q 6 ch
35 Kt—K 4 ch
36 Q×Q ch
37 B×B
38 K—B 2
39 P×P
40 P—Kt 3

Drawn game

GAME No. 5,297.

Played in the eleventh round. Notes by J. H. Blake.

Giucoco Piano (Max Lange Attack).

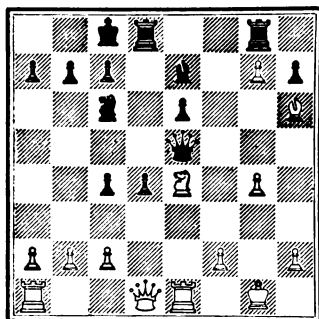
| WHITE | BLACK |
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| E. SPENCER | F. D. YATES |
| 1 P—K 4 | 1 P—K 4 |
| 2 Kt—K B 3 | 2 Kt—Q B 3 |
| 3 B—B 4 | 3 Kt—B 3 |
| 4 P—Q 4 | 4 P×P |
| 5 Castles | 5 B—B 4 |
| 6 P—K 5 | 6 P—Q 4 |
| 7 P×Kt | 7 P×B |
| 8 R—K 1 ch | 8 B—K 3 |

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| 9 Kt—Kt 5 | 9 Q—Q 4 |
| 10 Kt—Q B 3 | 10 Q—B 4 |
| 11 Q Kt—K 4 | 11 Castles Q R |
|Compare Game No. 5,239, Bolland v. Duffield, June B.C.M. | |
| 12 K Kt×B | 12 P×Kt |
| 13 P—K Kt 4 | 13 Q—K 4 |
| 14 P×P | 14 K R—Kt 1 |
| 15 B—R 6 | 15 B—K 2 |

.....An improvement upon the Marshall-Tarrasch game, Hamburg, 1911. Black then played 15..., P-Q 6; 16 P-Q B 3, B-Q 3; 17 P-B 4, Q-Q 4; 18 Q-B 3, B-K 2, etc.

Position after 15..., B-K 2.

BLACK (YATES)



WHITE (SPENCER)

16 P-Kt 5

White had probably better lines than this, which brings the attack to a standstill shortly. 16 Kt—

Kt 5, Q-Q 4; 17 Kt×K P, Kt—K 4; 18 R×Kt, Q×R; 19 Kt×R, B×Kt; 20 Q-B 3, for instance. Or 16 Q-B 1 or 16 Q-B 3 as preparatives for the same combination.

17 Kt—Kt 3 16 Q-K B 4
18 Q-K 2 17 Q-Q 4

Apparently under the impression that it is imperative to prevent the Black Knight coming to K 4, but that is not necessary. 18 Q-R 5, Kt-K 4; 19 Kt-K 4 is an alternative course. White has then to meet the formidable advance on the Queen's wing, but this is not so immediately dangerous as it looks; and the Queen's Rook gets into play.

18 B×P
19 Q×P ch 19 Q×Q
20 R×Q 20 B×B
21 R×B 21 R×P
22 Resigns | |

White has now of course a hopeless game on the Queen's side.

GAME No. 5,298.—Played in the third round. *Ruy Lopez*.
White: F. D. YATES. Black: Sir G. A. THOMAS.

1 P-K 4, P-K 4; 2 Kt-K B 3, Kt-Q B 3; 3 B-Kt 5, P-Q R 3; 4 B-R 4, Kt-B 3; 5 Castles, B-K 2; 6 R-K 1, P-Q Kt 4; 7 B-Kt 3, P-Q 3; 8 P-Q B 3, Kt-Q R 4; 9 B-B 2, P-B 4; 10 P-Q 4, Q-B 2; 11 Q Kt-Q 2, Kt-Q B 3; 12 P-Q 5, Kt-Kt 1; 13 P-Q R 4, P-Kt 5; 14 P-R 5, Castles; 15 Kt-B 4, Q Kt-Q 2; 16 Q-K 2, R-Kt 1; 17 B-Q 3, R-K 1; 18 B-Q 2, P×P; 19 P×P, B-B 1; 20 K R-Q Kt 1, R×R; 21 R×R, B-Kt 2; 22 Kt-Kt 6, Kt-Kt 1; 23 B-K Kt 5, B-K 2; 24 Q-Kt 2, P-K R 3; 25 B×Kt, B×B; 26 Kt-B 4, R-K 2; 27 Q-Kt 6, Resigns.

GAME No. 5,299.—Played in the fifth round. *Caro-Kann Defence*.
White: F. D. YATES. Black: H. E. ATKINS.

1 P-K 4, P-Q B 3; 2 P-Q 4, P-Q 4; 3 Kt-Q B 3, P×P; 4 Kt×P, Kt-B 3; 5 Kt×Kt, K P×Kt; 6 Kt-B 3, B-Q 3; 7 B-K 2, Castles; 8 Castles, R-K 1; 9 P-Q B 4, Kt-Q 2; 10 B-Q 2, Kt-B 1; 11 R-K 1, B-K Kt 5; 12 P-Q 5, P-Q B 4;

13 R-Q B 1, Kt-Kt 3; 14 P-Q Kt 4, P×P; 15 P-B 5, B-B 5;
 16 R-B 4, B×B; 17 Q×B, B×Kt; 18 P×B, P-Q R 4;
 19 R(B 4)-B 1, Q-Q 2; 20 Q-Q 4, Q R-Q 1; 21 Q R-Q 1,
 R-K 4; 22 B-B 4, R-Kt 4 ch; 23 K-B 1, Q-R 6 ch;
 24 K-K 2, R-K 4 ch; 25 K-Q 2, Q×B P; 26 K-B 2, P-Q R 5;
 27 K-Kt 1, P-K R 3; 28 P-Q 6, Q-B 4 ch; 29 B-Q 3, Q-B 5;
 30 R-K 4, Q-B 6; 31 R-Q B 1, P-B 4; 32 R×R, Kt×R;
 33 B-Kt 5, Kt-B 3; 34 B×Kt, P×B; 35 Q×Kt P, Q×B P;
 36 Q-Kt 6, R-K B 1; 37 P-Q 7, Q-Q 7; 38 Q-B 7, P-R 6;
 39 Q-Kt 7, Q-Q 6 ch; 40 R-B 2, Q-Q 8 ch; 41 R-B 1,
 Q-Q 6 ch; 42 R-B 2, R-Q 1; 43 Q-R 7, R×P; 44 Q-R 8 ch,
 R-Q 1; 45 Resigns.

GAME No. 5,300.—Played in the sixth round. *Ruy Lopez*.
 White: H. E. PRICE. Black: F. D. YATES.

1 P-K 4, P-K 4; 2 Kt-K B 3, Kt-Q B 3; 3 B-Kt 5,
 P-Q R 3; 4 B-R 4, Kt-B 3; 5 Castles, P-Q 3; 6 R-K 1,
 B-K 2; 7 P-B 3, Castles; 8 P-Q 4, P-Q Kt 4; 9 B-Kt 3,
 B-Kt 5; 10 B-K 3, Q Kt-R 4; 11 B-B 2, Kt-B 5; 12
 P-Q Kt 3, Kt×B; 13 R×Kt, Kt-Q 2; 14 P-K R 3, B-R 4;
 15 P-K Kt 4, B-Kt 3; 16 Q Kt-Q 2, P-Q B 3; 17 Kt-B 1,
 Q-B 2; 18 Kt-Kt 3, B-B 3; 19 K-Kt 2, K R-K 1;
 20 P-K R 4, P-Q 4; 21 P-Kt 5, P×P; 22 Kt-R 2, P×P;
 23 P×P, B-K 2; 24 P-R 5, K B×P; 25 P×B, B×R;
 26 P×B P ch, K×P; 27 P×B, Kt-B 3; 28 Kt-Kt 4, K-Kt 1;
 29 Kt×Kt ch, P×Kt; 30 Q-R 5, K-R 1; 31 R-R 1, R-K 2;
 32 Q-B 5, R-Kt 2; 33 R-R 3, Q-R 4; 34 B×P, Q-Q 7 ch;
 35 K-B 1, Q R-R 2; 36 Kt-K 2, Q R-K B 2; 37 Q-B 8 ch,
 R-Kt 1; 38 Q-K 6, K R-B 1; 39 Q-B 5, K-Kt 1; 40 R×R P,
 Resigns.

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GAME No. 5,301.—Played in the seventh round. *Queen's Gambit Declined*. White: R. H. V. SCOTT. Black: H. SAUNDERS.

1 P-Q 4, Kt-K B 3; 2 Kt-K B 3, P-K Kt 3; 3 P-B 4,
 P-Q 4; 4 Kt-B 3, B-Kt 2; 5 B-B 4, P-B 3; 6 P-K 3,
 Kt-R 4; 7 B-K 5, P-K B 3; 8 B×Kt, R×B; 9 B-K 2,
 Castles; 10 P×P, P×P; 11 Kt-K R 4, P-K 4; 12 P-K Kt 4,
 P-B 4; 13 Kt×Kt P, P×Kt; 14 P×Kt, P×Q P; 15 P×Q P,
 P-K Kt 4; 16 R-K Kt 1, P-Kt 4; 17 R-Q B 1, R-K 1;
 18 K-B 1, P-B 5; 19 B-B 3, B-R 6 ch; 20 B-Kt 2, B×B ch;
 21 R×B, P-Q Kt 5; 22 Kt-R 4, Q-B 3; 23 Kt-B 5, P-B 6;
 24 R-Kt 3, Q R-B 1; 25 P-R 6, Q×Q P; 26 Q×Q, B×Q;
 27 R×P ch, K-R 2; 28 R×Q P, R×Kt; 29 R×R, B×R;
 30 R×B, R-K 7; 31 R-K B 5, R×P; 32 R×P, R×P;
 33 R-B 7 ch, K×P; 34 R-Q Kt 7, P-R 4; 35 R-Kt 5, R-R 6;
 36 K-K 2, P-Kt 6; 37 K-Q 2, P-R 5; 38 R-Kt 4, R-R 7 ch;
 39 K-B 1, Drawn.

PROBLEM WORLD.

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INTERNATIONAL THREE-MOVE SUI-MATE TOURNEY, 1924.

AWARD.

As no competition for Self-Mates had taken place in England for some years, it was hoped that composers of this class of problem would have had in reserve a few *recherché* specimens available for such a tourney as this. We are, however, disappointed with the quality of the work which has been placed before us to analyse and appraise. In the Self-Mate field there is more scope for the composer to strike something never seen before, but among the twenty-nine entries submitted for adjudication we find very little that is really original, in fact, the average general merit is rather low.

Our award is as follows :—

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| 1st Prize. | No. 29, by G. Heathcote (Kingswear). |
| 2nd " | No. 22, by P. F. Blake (Warrington). |
| 3rd " | No. 13, by K. A. L. Kubbel (Leningrad). |
| 4th " | No. 5, by E. E. Westbury (Birmingham). |
| 1st Hon. Mention. | No. 20, by C. A. L. Bull (Durban). |
| 2nd " | No. 19, by C. A. L. Bull (Durban). |

Next in order of merit come Nos. 12, 6, 15, 28, 26 and 21.

COMMENTS.

One general remark may be prefaced in relation to the economical use of Black force in Self-Mates. It is true that the intensive use of Black men is not so important as that of White, but we have felt in examining several of the problems that a system which deploys struggling Black pieces at all points of the compass, each of which makes a solitary raid into the play, is not an ideal *form* of construction and technique, and some positions are placed appreciably lower in the award because of this.

No. 29. This opens with a fair key to four lines of play very well blended. Though the Black King is mated on three squares, this feature is not new, but the cleanness of construction and the four varied mates are points in its favour. There is some ingenuity shown in the defence of 1... P—Q 5 shutting off the Bishop's command of K B 6 and allowing 2 K—K 4 dis ch. It is a pity a Black Pawn could not be used for the Rook; with the Pawn 1 Q×Kt P ch gives a cook.

No. 22. Not a striking key, but quite passable. The threatened 1... Kt—B 4 ch somewhat circumscribes White's attack, but 1 R—Q R 3 is an excellent try, met successfully only by 1... P—Kt 4. In this problem we have a clear-cut idea which is shown in the play after 1... P becoming Rook or Queen ending with a remarkably clever mate with White's two Bishops pinned. It is also to be noticed that the author has cleverly brought in the two concurrent mates with the Knight at K B 2 and Q B 5, almost equal to an echo. The object of the Queen's Rook's Pawn seems to be to prevent a third move triple with the Queen or Rook after 1... Q or Kt×B.

No. 13. A capital key to a creditable threat (which is made more piquant after 1... R—Kt 8) and two other interesting continuations. Here, like No. 22 the White King is mated on three squares, but the artificial blocking of some of the squares, especially by the advanced Queen-side Pawns is not pleasant. The scheme suffers a little from want of harmony since the Black Queen comes into play but once, and the Rook at Kt 7 not at all. This drawback minimises the value of the three clean mates.

No. 5. It is not difficult to determine that the Knight must move, because it soon becomes clear that the mate must be given by the Rook. There is a delectable tang in the twin motive of this composition. In the threat the White Bishop is pinned when the mate is given, and in the other line the Queen is likewise disabled and obstructs her own Bishop; in this case not a check is given by White!

No. 20. Although not starting off with a specially-marked keymove, considerable piquancy is shown in the return of the Knight after 1... P-K 4. The other two continuations are decidedly pithy, particularly the quiet 2 Q-R 1 which makes an ambush and is really a surprise move. The White force is artistically deployed.

No. 19. A key in keeping with the general idea. There is considerable variety, but it is obtained in a somewhat patchy manner. The men on one side of the board in general being idle spectators of the activities on the other. The threat is a pretty bit of play but it fails to be impressive owing to the straggling forces which do not participate in it.

As a minor point in conclusion we would like to urge that the good English term "Self-Mate" be substituted for the hybrid ugly "Sui-Mate," and to further that end have employed the former expression throughout our text.

THOS. R. DAWSON.

B. G. LAWS.

September 10th, 1924.

COMPETITORS' NAMES.

Nos. 1 and 2, R. G. Thomson; 3, K. Traxler; 4, 5, 6, E. E. Westbury; 7, 8, 9, F. Simhovici; 10, 11, R. Svoboda; 12, 13, K. A. L. Kubbel; 14, K. P. Dé; 15, 16, A. E. Stramberg; 17, R. Prytz; 18, 19, 20, C. A. L. Bull; 21, 22, P. F. Blake; 23, 24, 25, V. de Barbieri; 26, 27, 28, G. F. Anderson; 29, G. Heathcote.

A copy of the award will be mailed to each competitor. Apart from the six problems published in this issue, all the entries are at the disposal of the authors, who are at liberty to use them in other tourneys if desired.

The feature of the tourney this time is the success of B.C.P.S. members, to whom fall five of the six honours, while of the problems next in order four out of six are by members.

The thanks of the Society are due to Messrs. B. G. Laws and T. R. Dawson for their valued services in adjudication. We are pleased to be able to state that they were in close agreement over the placing of the problems. Mr. C. G. Watney once again took over the conduct of the tourney, and as he will not in future be able to undertake this work, we should like to express our indebtedness to him for all the arduous work he has done in connection with the Society's tourneys.

The award will remain open for two months to allow for objections.

First Prize. No. 29.

By G. HEATHCOTE
(Kingswear).

BLACK (10 pieces)



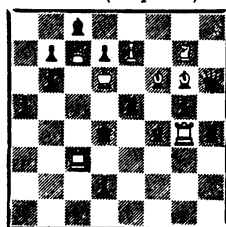
WHITE (10 pieces)

White self mates in three moves.

Second Prize. No. 22.

By P. F. BLAKE
(Warrington).

BLACK (12 pieces)



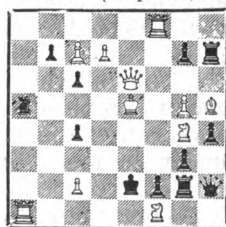
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White self mates in three moves.

Third Prize. No. 13.

By K. A. L. KUBBEL
(Leningrad).

BLACK (12 pieces)



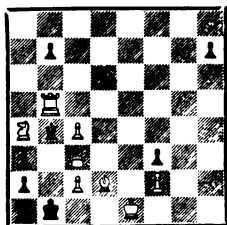
WHITE (11 pieces)

White self mates in three moves.

Fourth Prize. No. 5.

By E. E. WESTBURY
(Birmingham).

BLACK (9 pieces)



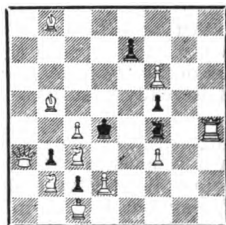
WHITE (8 pieces)

White self mates in three moves.

Hon. Mention. No. 20.

By C. A. L. BULL
(Durban).

BLACK (6 pieces)



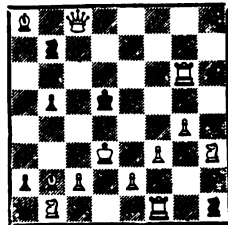
WHITE (11 pieces)

White self mates in three moves.

Hon. Mention. No. 19.

By C. A. L. BULL
(Durban).

BLACK (10 pieces)



WHITE (12 pieces)

White self mates in three moves.

The Good Companion Chess Problem Club of Philadelphia unfortunately has been disbanded. At least the issue of its monthly "Folder" is at an end. This will be a great disappointment to many problem lovers. The club was instituted about 1913 chiefly as a solving club, but by its problem competitions and the monthly publication which contained many hundred problems, by far the greater proportion being two-movers, it became equally a composers' club. At one time the membership roll reached 400 and temporarily the list was closed, so something almost extraordinary must have happened for this collapse to have come about. The Folder will be missed by many, as it not only contained a bountiful supply of problems but there were many contributions of historical interest. James W. Magee, junr., was the Club's founder and secretary and he has to his credit the assembling of a host of problem devotees and their works and for the sake of the Art generally it is to be deplored that enthusiasm has waned to render cessation obligatory. Alain C. White who supported and interested himself in the institution wrote for our Magazine a delightful review of the Club which we published in the *B.C.M. Annual*, 1915, and it is within recent times, namely Christmas 1922 he published a splendid work entitled *The Good Companion Two-mover*, edited by himself and George Hume, containing nearly 1,000 two-movers composed by members of the Club.

The following items also had to be left out last month. In reference to problem No. 2,478 by J. Cauveren, "Tiro" informs us that a version of this three-mover was published last June in *Skakbladet* under the motto or pseudonym "Swadrimpel."

Concerning the four-movers by Max Feigl and Dr. E. Palkoska we wished to mention that besides Mr. Haddy, Messrs. G. Stillingfleet Johnson, H. A. Melvin and C. H. Brockelbank were attracted by these fine problems and sent in full and correct solutions.

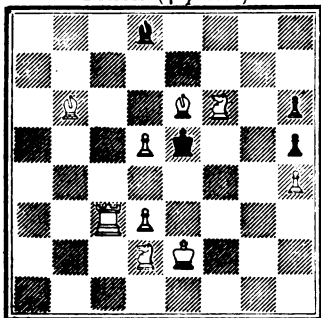
J. H. BLACKBURNE.

A full notice relating to the demise of probably the greatest chessplayer England has produced appears elsewhere in this issue. Many to whom the name of Blackburne is almost a spell, are not aware that he was in his early career the composer of some excellent problems judged by the standard of construction then prevailing. We do not remember having seen a specimen by him of a two-mover, but we know he regarded them with more or less disdain. Only on one occasion we believe did he compete in a problem tourney and that was in the congress of the British Chess Association, 1862. A singular thing happened with a four-mover of his set which was passed as sound by the committee of judges. It was not until 1895 that we discovered it had a second solution, much to Blackburne's surprise. As a solver he was very quick. He often amused a mixed company by solving two-movers with lightning speed, stipulating that the position be set up without the Black King. This is of course not a great feat in the case of experienced solvers and composers, but it was made more surprising when he did this *sans voir*, having the position called out to him man by man in any chance order.

We have selected the following problems in memoriam.

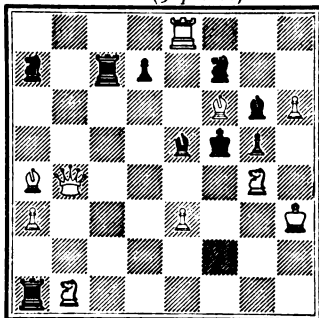
BY THE LATE J. H. BLACKBURNE.

BLACK (4 pieces)



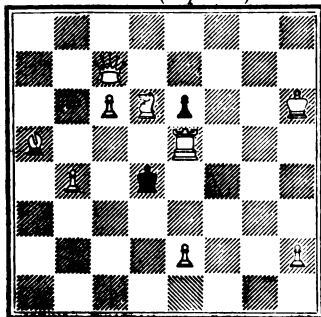
WHITE (9 pieces)
Mate in three.

BLACK (9 pieces)



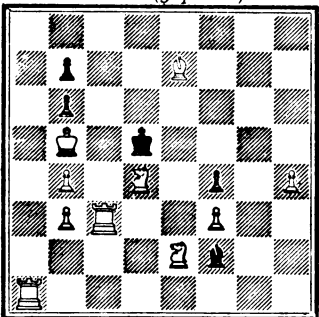
WHITE (10 pieces)
Mate in three.

BLACK (2 pieces)



WHITE (9 pieces)
Mate in three.

BLACK (5 pieces)



WHITE (10 pieces)
Mate in four.

CRITICISMS OF PRIZE CHESS PROBLEMS.

We mentioned in August that Mr. Brockelbank had written us in connection with M. Havel's second-prize problem in the *Prague Press* Tourney. We should also have mentioned he had made reference to the three-mover by O. Votruba to which was awarded the first prize. We now give Mr. Brockelbank's criticisms on these works for the reason that we believe they will prove instructive to the problem student, whether he be on the threshold of the Temple of the Problem Art or one well initiated in the teachings.

At least two of these compositions seem to be open to adverse criticism because they appear to present one of those not infrequent instances of work below the standard of their proved talents being submitted for approval by artists of repute. In years gone by such criticism was encountered by the then occasional lapses in this direction; now only laudatory comments seem to be tolerated, inferior effort being glossed by a misleading silence. Probably delicate reasons deter fellow artists still within the competitive arena, though the comparative frequency of this falling from the height of grace by indifferent work shows how valuable their honest criticisms might be. Could not this wholesome practice be revived by permitting such criticism under a *nom de plume*, since publication by you would carry assurance that they were unbiassed and by competent artists? In the case of prize problems this need in no way imply a challenge of the judges' verdict; which would

"Like the flowers that bloom in the Spring, Tra la,

Have nothing to do with the case!"

The single purpose of the criticisms would be obvious. Meanwhile the possibly less valuable comments of a kind of arm-chair critic may be permissible.

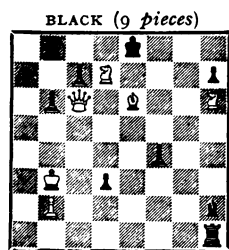
Superficially regarded, the first problem, by O. Votruba, may appear quite a nice problem. But very little scratching below the surface shows it to be an unworthy example of this author's ability. The key, inherently quite good, is marred by two detracting features. First, it removes a threatened piece, the capture of which by the attacking Pawn would obviously be dangerous to White. Second, it creates (a serious flaw in any problem) a double threat *without a reasonable proportion* of defences nullifying *both*. As the first was remediable by the simple substitution of a White Pawn on h4, retention of the Black one suggests something akin to indifference or a too slavish obeisance to the "no-white-pawn" fetish. As to the second, any "reasonable proportion" is lamentably absent, there being only two such defences *if*, beside 1... P×Kt, one allow for precision's sake the rather foolish-looking 1... R—K 5 with its ugly triple mates; for 1... K—K 4 is merely a reverse (with dual continuation) and 1... Kt—B5 only yields the threat-mate from a third second-move point, but with an added dual. As against this, a powerful and mobile Black force provides a large, but spurious, variety consisting of mock-defences effecting nothing beyond a wearisome twelve-fold repetition of one or other of the threat mates, *all in effect identical, and administered by the same piece!* Four of these, beside 1... K—K 4, have dual continuations, and there are also four duals in addition to the triple mentioned. Searching for some compensating merit, some might add a second-move echoing effect to the three models. But of the latter only one, moderate both in attractiveness and economy, springs from an active defence. The other two, though *per se* quite excellent, are only what I classify as "contingent-models," possessing no virtue; *i.e.*, models not due to construction but contingent upon Black helpfully selecting an *otherwise-ineffective* move; such as the courtesy capture of pieces whose unwanted presence renders the impending mate unclean, in this case the Queen and Bishop respectively. But this is only a personal view; nevertheless, granting the three models, the weaknesses noted seem to stamp the composition as much below this author's ability—*here the only point at issue.*

This conclusion equally applies to M. Havel's problem. Here one has an actively bad key; less, perhaps, by closing the only serviceable flight than because, as a flight, this square offers complete defence to almost every try, thus accentuating the restrictive nature of the key—than which a better seems

available. To the threat it constitutes there are two—no more—defences introducing interferences of an unambitious nature. These, in turn, rather suggest the somewhat simple White continuations, against which Black has no second-move resource! For this lack of difficulty in these defence continuations the ensuing mates offer no compensation, both being unclear—one rather more so than its otherwise identical fellow. The alternative to these, the threat play, yields an indifferent border-line model or, if Black so will, a ghastly mate.

All this clearly offers nothing worthy of this master; but, what is almost worse, the construction monstrously offends the sacred creed of his school—economy. A large Black force (Queen, Rook, two Knights and Pawn) is introduced for no other apparent reason than to preserve this lone model, by eliminating the dual 3 Q—K8 after 2... K—B1. Considering its wretched alternative mate, this seems an enormous price to pay, though in part it includes the safe housing of the White King; for whom, but for this, sanctuary lay in b7.

But, even worse, this force is for its purpose not only unjustifiably uneconomical, but seems to indicate an absence of effort to reduce this objection. Both of which the accompanying diagram, changing none of the main structure, may be held to prove; for clearly very little trouble and no ingenuity were here required to, in this respect, perfect his work. *En passant*, he would doubtless object to the innocent White Pawn, preferring even the less economical and Gilbertian method of allotting to a more powerful Black piece the privilege of sheltering the enemy King! To sum up, the intended point of the problem seems limited to an unambitious interference arrangement; and how very poor this is for an artist of Havel's calibre comparison with your fine No. 2,477 will emphasize. The composition seems clearly on a lower



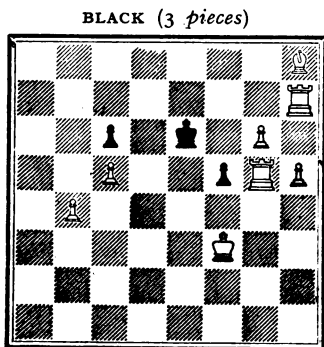
WHITE (6 pieces)

Mate in three

plane than his reputation demands.

From this angle of consideration the Kainer example is by far the most creditable of the three. A pleasing key, preparing a Queen sacrifice producing a nice block model when Black defends the threat by 1... Kt×Kt; reasonable variety of defence with passable mates; a second model with a further pleasing pin-model, and ingenious foils to two would-be cooks make a creditable whole. But, here too, one has not of the composer's best, especially for an honours effort.

The following note by C. H. Brocklebank concerning the prize two-mover we printed at page 339, by Elekes, Schor and Neukomm was crowded out last month. The criticism and new setting will we believe be both instructive and interesting.



WHITE (8 pieces)

Mate in two.

Where are the valiant critics? The Black Knight and Bishop and the White Queen (for she, post key, only guards c6, which a Black Pawn could block) are mere camouflage, ostensibly providing two changed-mates. Even some special (but not very convincing) pleading in a current contemporary for licence in these mates lays down that "pieces so used must have seen active service before demobilisation." But after the key here, these pieces might as well be abed. Stripped of its sham feathers the enclosed diagram displays it "in the nude"; and possibly, improved though robbing it of its sole legitimate changed mate. The labours of mountains to bring forth a distorted molehill!

SOLVERS' SCORE—"LADDER" COMPETITION.

Problems (August) 2,479 to 2,482 inclusive.

*J. A. Allcock (0) 5-5-10-10 (30); Dr. R. Tennant Bruce (380); †A. T. Cannell (785) 5-5-10-10 (815); J. Chadwick (Sydney) (100); R. W. Clark (Canada) (725) 5-5-10-10 (755); *W. H. Cutland (105) 5-5-10-10 (135); **F. J. Dennis (415) 5-5-10-0 (435); J. C. Derlien (405) 5-5-10-10 (435); Rev. A. T. Dean (270); *B. V. Darbshire (15); G. Fegent (695) 5-5-10-0 (715); *C. Folley (140) 5-5-10-10 (170); **Albert Haddy (30) 5-5-10-10 (60); **W. F. Herbert (395) 5-5-10-10 (425); J. A. Hatherill (225); Rev. F. O'D. Hoare (195+5 for 2,476=200) 5-5-0-0 (210); †G. Stillingfleet Johnson (305) 5-5-10-10 (335); N. V. Joshi (Pusa, India) (235) 5-5-10-0 (255); *Frederick Lee (515) 5-5-10-10 (545); *J. A. Lewis (70) 5-5-10-10 (100); *Hubert Lees (Auckland) (185+40 June=225); T. W. R. Leistikow (190) 5-5-10-10 (220); **Rev. N. Munro (210) 5-5-10-10 (240); R. J. Minns (600); D. Murray (200) 5-5-10-10 (230); Johannes Nielson (715) 5-5-10-10 (745); **A. Peacock (380) 5-5-10-10 (410); T. Rosenfeld (265); *R. G. Thomson (425) 5-5-10-10 (455); O. L. Telling (Monte Carlo) (780) 5-5-10-10 (810); "Tiro" (Ribe, Denmark) (135); R. G. Tyzack (75); Rev. E. Wells (765) 5-5-10-0 (785); M. E. L. Wills (Gibraltar) (45) 0-0-10-0 (55); *W. A. Way (Malay States) (175+30 July=205).

The 20 points stated as being credited to C. Folley's score at page 389 for June should be for May.

A. T. Cannell joins G. Stillingfleet Johnson in a triple success in this competition by his score shown above of 815.

SOLUTIONS.

No. 2,479, by J. M. Holford.—1 Kt—Q 4. An old idea very nicely rendered. The key is excellent and the construction shows much promise.

No. 2,480, by B. J. de C. Andrade.—1 Q—Q 7. A brilliant key and pointed variations. The mutual interference of Rook and Bishop, involving a self-block in each case, is very well rendered. The White King's Bishop takes part in one variation only.

No. 2,481, by K. S. Howard.—1 Q—R 8, threatening 2 Q—K R 1 ch. If 1..., K—B 3; 2 Q—K 5. If 1..., Kt any; 2 Q—Q 4 ch. Another good key, followed by a quiet and varied mainplay. There are three model mates.

No. 2,482, by Jan Vasta. 1 K—Kt 1, threatening 2 Q—B 4 ch. If 1..., R or B×Kt; 2 Q—Kt 3 ch. If 1..., B—Kt 4; 2 Kt—B 3. The object of the key is to avoid a pin later on. The echo is neatly rendered, but 1..., B—Kt 4 gives the most interesting play. Hardly up to the author's usual standard.

By W. Langstaff (p. 385).—1 Q—R 6. The solution and remarks thereon of this clever two-mover were given in our pages last November.

By A. C. Challenger (p. 385).—1 K—K 7, P—B 4; 2 Kt—B 6 ch. If 1., P—Kt 4; 2 P—B 4 ch. If 1..., Kt—Q 6 or B 6; 2 Q—B 7 ch. If 1..., R×P. 2 Kt×Q P. If 1..., Kt—Kt 6 or ×P; 2 Kt×Kt. If 1..., P—Q 3; 2 Q—K 6 ch. If 1..., others; 2 Kt—B 5. This problem was constructed specially to illustrate four model mates given by one Pawn and though this has been previously accomplished, the present rendering is very ingeniously handled, there being as many as seven White second moves, three of which including the threat, are quiet.

By P. F. Blake (p. 386).—1 R—B 6, Kt—K 2; 2 Q—B 3, Kt×R (if 2..., others; 3 R—B 5 ch); 3 Q×B ch. If 1..., B—B 4; 2 Kt—K B 5, K—B 5 or

K Kt moves (if 2... B-Q 3; 3 Q-K 5 ch. If 2... B-Q 8; 3 Q-R 2 ch. If 2... others; 3 Kt-Kt 4 ch); 3 Q-Q 4 ch. If 1... B-B 5; 2 R×B ch, K×R; 3 Q-B 6 ch. If 1... B-B 7; 2 Q-R 2 ch, K-Q 5 (if 2... B-Kt 6; 3 Q×B ch); 3 Kt-K B 5 ch. If 1... R-R 4; 2 Q-B 6, B-K 4 (if 2... B-B 1; 3 Q-K 6 ch); 3 Q-Q 8 ch. If 1... others; 2 Q-K 5 ch, Kt×Q (If 2... B×Q; 3 Kt-Kt 4 ch); 3 Kt×P ch. We commented on this fine piece of work at page 310 of our last volume.

By E. Baumgarten (p. 387).—1 Q-B 4. The obstructions by Rook, Bishops and Knight of the Queen and Queen's Bishop are interesting, but the key, seeing the out of the way position of the Queen is easily seen.

By E. Ullrich (p. 387).—1 R-Kt 5. A mutate, but rather ungainly in the setting as the whole Black Pawn contingent is used. The key is quite a good one, creating an extra variation and nicely changing that after the moves of the King's Knight.

By Dr. G. Kaiser (p. 387).—1 Kt-B 5. The double threat results in too many alternative mates, that after 1... K×Kt being unpleasant. Of the four mates the two by the Rook constitute the chief point.

By Dr. E. Zimmer (p. 387).—1 Q-B 6, P×P; 2 R-Q 3. If 1... K-Q 4; 2 R-R 4. If 1... P×P; 2 Q-Kt 6. Though the key is almost forced upon the solver, the three second moves require care, especially 2 Q-Kt 6.

By Dr. E. Zimmer (p. 387).—1 Q-R 1, K×P; 2 Kt-K 2. Neat in its single line of play. A solver is tempted to play 1 Kt-K 2 but K×Kt soon shows the way to the real solution. Not an effort one expects to see awarded a prize in these days.

By M. Wiener (p. 387).—1 Q-B 1, Kt-Kt 6; 2 Q-Q 1 ch. If 1... K-Kt 6; 2 Q-Q Kt 1 ch. A very ordinary sacrifice device which ought to have been amplified.

By M. Havel (p. 387).—1 Q R-Kt 7, R-Q 5; 2 Q-R 5 ch. If 1... Kt-K 4; 2 Q-K Kt 5 ch. If 1... K-B 1; 2 Q R-B 7 ch. If 1... Kt-B 1 or 3; 2 R-B 8 ch. If 1... others; 2 K R-Q 7 ch. A clever manipulation of Queen and two Rooks, but unfortunately on the border. The sacrifice of the Queen at Q R 5 and K Kt 5 is nicely effected.

By M. Havel (p. 387).—1 R-K Kt 8, K×R; 2 Q-K 7 ch. If 1... P×R; 2 Q-B 8 ch. If 1... P-B 3; 2 Kt-Q 6 ch. If 1... Kt-B 1 or 3; 2 R-B 6 ch. If 1... others; 2 Q-B 5 ch. A Black Pawn at Q B 2 should be added to this problem to make it agree with the composer's setting. Though the key is a give-and-take it is quite good. The blending of the two Queen sacrifices with the bright continuation after 1... P-B 3 is artistically managed.

By M. Havel (p. 387).—1 Kt-Q 2, K-K 4; 2 Q-K Kt 3 ch. If 1... P-K 3; 2 Q-B 8 ch. If 1... P-Q 5; 2 Q-K B 3 ch. If 1... others; 2 Q-K 3. The effects produced here with only Queen and two Knights are charming. The added interest to the problem by the try 1 Kt-Q 4 is well worth the two Pawns on the Rook's file. The Black pieces on the Queen's side, though apparently on the board without licence are most useful in restraining White from doing mischief to the author's delicate scheme.

By J. Nield (p. 388).—1 P-K 4. This is but a form of a well-known setting and is no improvement. The construction is open to criticism, for instance the Black Queen could be disposed of by placing the Queen-side Pawns on Q R 4 and Q Kt 3.

By A. C. Challenger (p. 388). 1 Kt-R 5, B Kt 6. 2 R-B 3. If 1... K-Q 4; 2 R-B 5 ch. If 1... R moves; 2 R×P ch. If 1... P-B 6 or others; 2 R-B 5. This is not a good specimen of this composer's skill. It has, however, some bright spots. The key makes a double threat and duals are artfully avoided, the only one which intrudes is after 1... R-R 8. There are four model mates and the variety is fair considering the force used. A good try is 1 R-B 5 defeated by 1... R-K 8; 2 Kt-R 5, R-K 5.

By R. H. Bridgwater (p. 388).—The White Queen at K 1 should be the White King. 1 B-Kt 8, K-B 3 or K 3; 2 Q-Q 6 ch. If 1... K-K 5; 2 Q-K 5 ch. If 1... K-B 5; 2 Q-Q 3 ch. If 1... B-B 5; 2 Q-K B 3 ch. If 1... others; 2 Q-Q 6 ch. One can hardly realise that the composer of that capital two-mover which we reproduced from the *Chess Amateur* in August is responsible for this indifferent display. The key is really meretricious and

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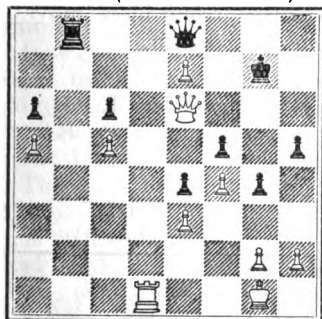
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GAME ENDINGS.

No. 1.

BLACK (A. R. B. THOMAS)



WHITE (P. W. SERGEANT)

White to play.

No. 2 is from a game in the recent French championship. Chéron had sacrificed his Queen to get a won game, and now on his 21st move might have concluded brilliantly :—

- | | |
|---------------|-----------|
| 21 R—R 4 | 21 Q×P |
| 22 R—K B 4 | 22 Q×Kt P |
| 23 P×Kt ch | 23 Kt×P |
| 24 R×B ch | 24 Kt×R |
| 25 R×Kt mate. | |

instead the game was continued
21 P×Kt ch, Kt×P; 22 B×Kt
ch, K×B; 23 R×B, R×R;
24 B×R, Q—Q 5 ch; 25 K—B 2,
Q×P and the game was drawn.

As E. Vollny remarks in the *Basle Nachrichten*, "by his oversight on the 21st move, Chéron threw away three things, a half point, the brilliancy prize, and the French championship!"

No. 1 occurred in the second round of the Major Open Tournament at Southport.

White continued :—

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| 51 R—Q 6 | 51 R—Kt 8 ch |
| 52 K—B 2 | 52 P—Kt 6 ch |

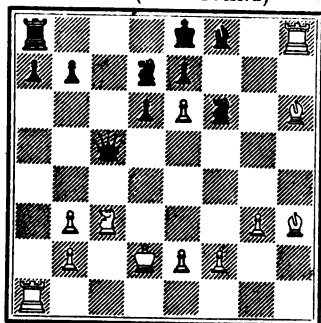
.....If 52..., R—Kt 7 ch, then
53 K—Kt 3, P—R 5 ch; 54 K+
P. Q—R 1 ch; 55 K—Kt 5
produces the same result.

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|-----------|-------------|
| 53 K×P | 53 P—R 5 ch |
| 54 K×P | 54 Q—R 1 ch |
| 55 K—Kt 5 | |

And Black resigned, for mate cannot be averted.

No. 2.

BLACK (A. MUFFANG)

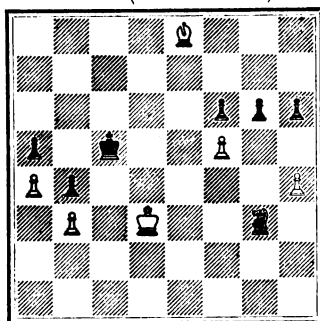


WHITE (A. CHERON)

White to play.

No. 3.

BLACK (H. E. ATKINS)



WHITE (W. FAIRHURST)

White to play.

No. 4 was from a game played at Novi-Jad, in July last, and was continued :—

- | | |
|--------------|-------------|
| 49 Kt—K 4.ch | 49 K×P! |
| 50 Kt×P | 50 B—B 8 |
| 51 Kt—K 6 | 51 B×P |
| 52 K—Q 2 | 52 K×P |
| 53 K—K 2 | 53 B—R 6 |
| 54 Kt×P | 54 B—Q 2 |
| 55 Kt—Kt 6 | 55 P—Kt 4 |
| 56 Kt—K 5 | 56 B—K 1 |
| 57 K—Q 2 | 57 K—Kt 5 |
| 58 P—B 4 | 58 K—B 4 |
| 59 K—K 3 | 59 K—Q 4 |
| 60 P—R 3 | 60 P—B 4 |
| 61 Kt—B 3 | 61 B—Q 2 |
| 62 Kt×P | 62 B×P |
| 63 K—Q 3 | 63 B—B 8 ch |
| 64 K—K 3 | 64 P—Kt 5 |
| 65 P—B 5 | 65 P—B 5 |

No. 3 is from the British Championship at Southport. The continuation was :—

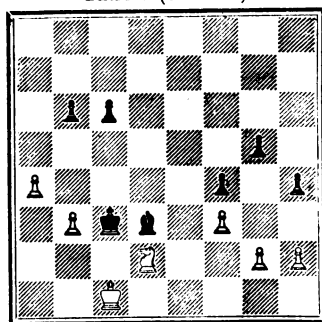
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| 55 P×P | 55 Kt—B 4 |
| 56 B—Q 7 | 56 Kt—Kt 2 |
| 57 K—K 4 | 57 K—Q 3 |
| 58 B—Kt 4 | 58 K—B 4 |
| 59 B—K 6 | 59 Kt×B |
| 60 K—B 5 | 60 K—Q 3 |
| 61 K×P | 61 K—Q 4 |
| 62 P—Kt 7 | 62 Kt×P |
| 63 K×Kt | 63 K—Q 5 |
| 64 K×P | 64 K—B 6 |
| 65 K—Kt 5 | 65 K×P |

and after a few more moves the game was drawn.

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|-------------|----------|
| 66 P—B 6 | 66 K—K 3 |
| 67 K—Q 4 | 67 P—B 6 |
| 68 Resigns. | |

No. 4.

BLACK (CHIRICZ)



WHITE (VUCOVICZ)

White to play.

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NEWS FROM THE BRITISH ISLES.

Will those who have not yet paid their subscription for 1924, kindly forward 12/- at their earliest convenience to R. H. S. Stevenson, 45 Clapham Road, S.W.9.

The final of the English Counties Championship was played at St. Bride's Institute, London, on Saturday, October 11th, when Yorkshire brought a strong and representative team to meet Surrey.

The match was keenly contested and as the rising tide turned in favour of Surrey, the Northerners put up a more and more dogged resistance. An early disaster befell the Yorkshiremen when G. Wood at board 14 exceeded his time limit and not long after G. Barron gave his opponent a chance to win the exchange, which was promptly accepted.

Few games were finished till almost half-an-hour before the call of time, but then Surrey forged steadily ahead and finished up with $7\frac{1}{2}$ to $3\frac{1}{2}$ and five games for adjudication. These eventually gave $2\frac{1}{2}$ points to each team and Surrey thus secured the English Championship and the Lowenthal Cup.

The whole affair was a splendid advertisement for the freemasonry of Chess. The Northern team were entertained to dinner after the match by the Surrey executive when several of their players—A. C. Ivimey and G. Barron in particular—made interesting and witty speeches which demonstrated the sporting way they took their defeat. The Surrey officers E. W. Davies (match captain) and F. F. L. Alexander (hon. secretary, who as usual won his own game) are to be heartily congratulated on the excellence of the arrangements made. As the result of this, the morale of the team was high and there is little doubt it is to this they owe their success. G. A. Felce, the president, was in the chair at the dinner and was at his board in the match and it was agreed that Surrey could not wish for a more popular leader. Full score :—

SURREY.

| | | | | | |
|----|--------------------|----|----|----|----------------|
| 1 | R. P. Michell | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 2 | H. B. Uber | .. | .. | .. | $*\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 3 | R. C. J. Walker | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| 4 | H. S. Barlow | .. | .. | .. | $*0$ |
| 5 | F. L. Armstrong | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 6 | W. Gooding | .. | .. | .. | $*1$ |
| 7 | L. P. Rees | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 8 | W. E. Allnutt | .. | .. | .. | $*1$ |
| 9 | F. F. L. Alexander | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| 10 | G. A. Felce | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 11 | E. Macdonald | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 12 | J. Butland | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 13 | B. H. N. Stronach | .. | .. | .. | $*0$ |
| 14 | H. G. Felce | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| 15 | A. J. Spencer | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 16 | R. H. Birch | .. | .. | .. | 1 |

YORKSHIRE.

| | | | |
|-----------------------------|----|----|---------------|
| H. E. Atkins (Huddersfield) | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| F. D. Yates (Leeds) | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| E. Dale (Sheffield) | .. | .. | 0 |
| G. W. Moses (Sheffield) | .. | .. | $*1$ |
| J. Foulds (Bradford) | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| F. Schofield (Leeds) | .. | .. | $*0$ |
| W. Atkinson (Hull) | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| C. R. Gurnhill (Sheffield) | .. | .. | $*0$ |
| G. Barron (Hull) | .. | .. | 0 |
| H. W. Hogkinson (Bradford) | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| M. Jackson (Hull) | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| P. Wenman (Leeds) | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| W. J. Berryman (Barnsley) | .. | .. | $*1$ |
| G. Wood (Hull) | .. | .. | 0 |
| S. Leader (Leeds) | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| J. J. Shields (Hull) | .. | .. | 0 |

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*Adjudicated.

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Southern Counties Chess Union Championship.—Middlesex *v.* Kent. Played at St. Bride Institute, on October 11th.

| MIDDLESEX. | | | | KENT. | | | |
|------------|-----------------|----|----|-------|--------------------|----|----|
| 1 | M. E. Goldstein | .. | .. | 1 | H. Storr Best | .. | .. |
| 2 | H. Saunders | .. | .. | 2 | O. C. Muller | .. | .. |
| 3 | B. E. Siegheim | .. | .. | 3 | N. B. Holmes | .. | .. |
| 4 | E. G. Sergeant | .. | .. | 4 | I. T. Sifton | .. | .. |
| 5 | L. Savage | .. | .. | 5 | W. B. Dixon | .. | .. |
| 6 | W. H. Regan | .. | .. | 6 | C. Chapman | .. | .. |
| 7 | R. C. Griffith | .. | .. | 7 | C. Hammond | .. | .. |
| 8 | P. W. Sergeant | .. | .. | 8 | B. W. Hamilton | .. | .. |
| 9 | J. W. Morling | .. | .. | 9 | G. Hanson | .. | .. |
| 10 | F. Dark | .. | .. | 10 | C. H. Lorch | .. | .. |
| 11 | H. V. Butfield | .. | .. | 11 | J. Sargent | .. | .. |
| 12 | W. H. Watts | .. | .. | 12 | C. E. Taylor | .. | .. |
| 13 | P. Healey | .. | .. | 13 | Maj. R. W. Barnett | .. | .. |
| 14 | E. Busvine | .. | .. | 14 | W. M. Brooke | .. | .. |
| 15 | W. Jones | .. | .. | 15 | R. C. Noel Johnson | .. | .. |
| 16 | R. F. Goldstein | .. | .. | 16 | C. F. Corke | .. | .. |
| 17 | A. M. Ewbank | .. | .. | 17 | H. B. Hodges | .. | .. |
| 18 | S. P. J. Merlin | .. | .. | 18 | Mrs. Holloway | .. | .. |
| 19 | F. W. Viney | .. | .. | 19 | L. W. Dodds | .. | .. |
| 20 | R. A. Walker | .. | .. | 20 | J. Stuart Hodgson | .. | .. |
| 12½ | | | | 7½ | | | |

Bedfordshire *v.* Hertfordshire. At Luton, on October 11th.

| HERTFORDSHIRE. | | | | BEDFORDSHIRE. | | | |
|----------------|------------------------|----|----|---------------|----------------|----|----|
| 1 | Sir E. T. A. Wigram | .. | .. | 1 | W. Church | .. | .. |
| 2 | A. G. Fellows | .. | .. | 2 | R. H. Rushton | .. | .. |
| 3 | E. J. Fairchild | .. | .. | 3 | S. W. Dickens | .. | .. |
| 4 | Maj. E. Montague-Jones | .. | .. | 4 | F. Dickens | .. | .. |
| 5 | W. Hatton Ward | .. | .. | 5 | C. Loton | .. | .. |
| 6 | R. E. Webb | .. | .. | 6 | S. Wallace | .. | .. |
| 7 | C. K. Trotter | .. | .. | 7 | L. K. Knight | .. | .. |
| 8 | E. G. Attenborough | .. | .. | 8 | J. W. Thorburn | .. | .. |
| 9 | L. S. Bush | .. | .. | 9 | W. Currant | .. | .. |
| 10 | C. T. Alderton | .. | .. | 10 | Rowland Hill | .. | .. |
| 11 | E. H. Martin | .. | .. | 11 | J. Needham | .. | .. |
| 12 | H. Jacobsen | .. | .. | 12 | L. White | .. | .. |
| 13 | J. W. Salisbury | .. | .. | 13 | H. Menkin | .. | .. |
| 14 | J. H. Knight | .. | .. | 14 | T. W. Bute | .. | .. |
| 15 | J. A. Allinson | .. | .. | 15 | A. V. Oliver | .. | .. |
| 16 | C. A. Bunce | .. | .. | 16 | J. Mitchell | .. | .. |
| 10 | | | | 6 | | | |

This match also counts in the Montague-Jones Cup Competition.

For the County Championship of the Midland Counties Chess Union the eight counties are this coming season to be divided into Northern and Southern sections of four each, and the draw is as follows :—Northern : Shropshire *v.* Staffordshire and Nottinghamshire *v.* Warwickshire. Southern : Oxfordshire *v.* Worcestershire and Northamptonshire *v.* Leicestershire. The choice of rooms is the reverse of that exercised at the last meeting of the counties concerned. An executive meeting will be held on Thursday, September 25th.

The annual general meeting of the Cumberland Chess Association was held on September 13th, at the Keswick Hotel, Keswick, with Rev. A. D. Firth, president, in the chair. The officials re-elected were : Rev. A. D. Firth, president ; vice-presidents, Sir John S. Randles, the Rt. Hon. Leif Jones, M.P., the Rev. Canon Hall, Messrs. A. Kennard, J. H. Brooksbank, J. Burchell, J. B. Wivell, G. Yeomans, W. A. Butler, F. Drakeford, R. J. Brown, W. Dixon and Rev. F. J. Wilcox. Hon. secretary and treasurer, F. Drakeford. The executive committee : the president, the hon. secretary, and A. Kennard, R. F. Chambers, A. R. Davies, and J. Higgins.

During the past year a friendly correspondence match was played with Hampshire, Cumberland winning with 18½ points to 11½. For the county club championship five clubs affiliated, *viz.*, Carlisle, Keswick, Whitehaven, Brampton, and Wigton, Whitehaven winning the championship and the trophy. The Senior Individual championship was won by J. E. Shipman (Brampton). The Junior Individual championship was won by W. Jones (Carlisle). The association has decided to compete for the 1925 county and district correspondence championship.

The 1924 Individual Competitions of the County of Surrey have now been concluded, the prize winners being as follows :—

Challenge Cup (county championship).—F. F. L. Alexander defeated E. Macdonald in the final tie match by two games to nil and one drawn, thus gaining the championship of the county, Mr. Macdonald taking second prize as ‘runner-up.’ The remaining prizes were won by R. C. J. Walker (third), R. H. Birch (fourth), G. A. Felce (fifth), and H. G. Felce (sixth).

The Slater-Kennington Cup and first prize :—E. W. Davies with T. H. Robertson second, H. Ward, third, and E. Chart, fourth.

The Felce Cup and first prize :—Major W. J. May, with W. W. Starling second, D. O’Keefe, third, and L. L. Poynter, fourth.

The Wernick Cup and first prize :—F. Clarke Willey with W. Evans, second, H. Evans, third, and H. R. Wilkins, fourth.

At the annual meeting of the Herts. Chess Association, at St. Albans, on September 27th, Major E. Montague-Jones was re-elected president ; W. Hatton-Ward, hon. secretary and treasurer ; A. G. Fellows, match captain ; Sir Edgar Wigram and E. G. Attenborough delegates to the Southern Counties Executive. The fee to the S.C.C.U. was raised from one to two guineas, and the president generously offered to increase his subscription to meet the extra charge.

A satisfactory report for 1923—1924, showing that the county reached the Montague-Jones cup final, in which they were defeated by Sussex, was adopted. Despite a heavy loss on handbooks there was a balance in hand of £6 12s., and it was decided to make gifts of chess timing clocks to the Bushey, Harpenden and Welwyn Garden City clubs.

The county club championship cup was presented to the Bushey Chess Club and the individual championship cup to T. A. Staynes, also of the Bushey Club, whose services unfortunately will not be available this season.

The annual general meeting of the Lancashire Chess Association was held at the Manchester Chess Club, on Saturday, last. The report showed a very satisfactory year's work. The clubs affiliated at the beginning of last season numbered 27, which were increased to 58.

It was decided that the annual general meeting should in future be held in April. The prize-winners were as follows: Championship, E. Spencer for the fourth time); "B," Kresner, Liverpool; "C," Dr. J. Stanley Dick, Manchester; "D," —, Jackson, Manchester.

The following officers were elected: president, H. B. Creeke; vice-presidents, Rev. H. C. de Barathy, J. A. Barraclough, J. Burgess, A. Burn, J. Collinson, J. Goldstone, Dr. H. Holmes, R. W. Houghton, J. H. Milton, J. Myers, J. Sherratt, T. H. Storey, W. R. Thomas, V. L. Wahlutuch; treasurer, E. Spencer; secretary, Rev. H. C. de Barathy, 93 Whalley New Road, Blackburn; organising secretary, J. T. Thompson, 65 Market Street, Manchester; match captain, J. H. Milton, 14 King Street West, Manchester; correspondence captain, W. R. Thomas.

The following new clubs were elected: Liverpool Dock Board, Liverpool Gas Co., Aintree Institute, Liverpool Jewish.

Under the auspices of the Association lectures are to be given to the members of the Manchester Area Civil Service League, by E. Spencer, of Liverpool, the champion, who will give his "Bishop Takes Pawn"; W. R. Thomas (Liverpool), and D. Joseph.

Lecturers are available, free of charge to Lancashire clubs.

Norfolk and Norwich Chess Club has decided to hold a championship tournament in the coming season for which a handsome Silver King has been presented by an anonymous donor. Last season the club had 42 members, but lost by death two of its oldest supporters, Dr. Eheeler and E. A. Field. E. Lake won the handicap tourney while A. T. Cannell and W. S. Daws tied for the "Muzio Gambit" event.

London Chess League.—Entries for "A" Division are as follows: Athenaeum, Battersea, Bohemians, Brixton, Hampstead, Islington, Lee, Lewisham, Leyton, Lud-Eagle, Metropolitan, North London, West London, Wood Green.

"C" Division.—Battleaxe, Battersea II, Britannic House, Claremont, Harrow, Ilford, North London, Old Wilsonians, Referee, Y.M.C.A.

There is a very strong entry for the City of London Chess Club championship this season. It would compare favourably with many master tournaments:—F. F. L. Alexander, J. M. Bee, J. H. Blake, V. Buerger, W. Gooding, H. Jacobs, E. Macdonald, R. P. Michell, H. Saunders, J. P. Savage, E. G. Sergeant, P. W. Sergeant, Dr. S. F. Smith, Sir G. A. Thomas, Bart., H. B. Uber, V. L. Wahlutuch, R. C. J. Walker.

12 have entered for the Junior Championship.

15 for the Mocatta Cup, second class.
18 for the Russell Cup, third class.
8 for the Barrett Cup, fourth class.

The annual general meeting of West London Chess Club was held Monday, September 29th. R. Eastman, the president in the chair.

The championship of the club has been won for the second time in succession by E. T. Jesty ; W. H. Regan taking second place in a keenly contested tourney.

The Eastman Cup falls for the year to Dr. F. S. Duncan.

The club is now housed in comfortable quarters, meets twice weekly the year round, caters for players of all degree, and has room and welcome to spare for a large increase in membership. Access by District Railway (Ravenscourt Park).

On Tuesday the 14th inst, the War Office Chess Club which has recently been reformed, had the pleasure of a visit from R. P. Michell who played 20 simultaneous games with club members. Mr. Michell was successful in 15 of the games, drawing 3 and losing two. The two games won were contested by E. G. Trowbridge (a visitor) who put up an irregular defence to a Queen's Pawn Opening, and Q.M.S. Bell who played the French Defence.

The Chess and Musical Entertainment organised by the British Women's Patriotic League has been postponed from October 25th to November 22nd, on account of the General Election.

The 53rd annual meeting of the Bristol and Clifton Chess Club was held at the Club headquarters, 20 Berkeley Square, on Saturday, October 4th.

There was a good attendance of members, and the secretary's report showed that the match records continued to be satisfactory, the club being only once defeated.

C. Mansfield, of problem fame, again carried off the championship cup.

The officers elected were : President, H. Parsons ; hon. secretary, C. Welch ; hon. treasurer, C. Mansfield ; hon. librarian, H. L. Stephens. W. J. Matthews, who was unable to continue as hon. secretary, was cordially thanked for past services and unanimously elected a vice-president of the club.

The Grimsby Chess Club has just entered on its jubilee season and has had an unbroken record of unostentatious success. There are nearly 60 members, one of whom once beat Capablanca in a simultaneous display.

The inaugural meeting of the Chesterfield Chess Club was held on Monday, at the Settlements, Chesterfield, V. O. Robinson, presiding. Officers were elected as under :—President, the Mayor of Chesterfield ; vice-president, V. O. Robinson, J.P. ; treasurer, C. V. Coxall ; secretary

A. Bacon ; committee, Messrs. Raynes, Walters, Padley, Naylor, Northam, Roberts, and Wilson.

It was decided that the club should meet on Monday evenings at the Settlement, Packers' Row entrance. The secretary's address is c.o., Messrs. Boots, 21 Market Place, Chesterfield. The entrance fee is 2s. 6d., and the annual subscription 5s.

The annual meeting of the Colwyn Bay Chess Club was held on October 4th, there being present : Fr. Eames, Messrs. Rowland, Taylor, Silman, Gostage, W. Lloyd, Berth Jones, Kershaw, R. Lloyd Nunn, and Gresley Jones. The hon. secretary (R. Lloyd Nunn), in his report, said that twenty-five meetings had been held, with an average attendance of 14 ; therefore it had been quite a fair season. The club's match record, however, was not good. They had lost to Llandudno in the final round of the league tournament, and the same result applied to two friendly matches with the same club. Their only win had been one match against Rydal School. The hon. secretary spoke of the poor membership, which is at present 37, the figure being very much lower than had been the case for many years previously. If the club was to continue its hitherto successful course it was imperative that new members be found to take the place of those resigning or who had resigned. Dr. Eames of the first section, was the winner of the club competition, who defeated Mr. Wood and Mr. Lloyd, of the second and third sections respectively. In the absence of Mr. Kershaw, who had taken the office of treasurer on the retirement of Llewelyn Charles Edwards, Lloyd Nunn presented the treasurer's report. The following officers were elected :—President, Lord Colwyn ; chairman, J. B. C. Kershaw ; captain, Mr. Rowland ; vice-captain, H. Taylor ; hon. treasurer ; J. B. C. Kershaw ; hon. secretary, L. Lloyd ; tournament secretary, H. Taylor ; curator, J. T. Davies ; committee : Dr. Eames, Messrs. Silman, Berth, Jones, Gostage, F. Nunn, and R. L. Nunn ; representatives to the North Wales Chess Association, Messrs. F. Nunn and Kershaw. Gresley Jones pointed out that the Llandudno Club had experienced the same difficulty with regard to the declining membership, but by encouraging the juniors and by advertising they had worked up a large and enthusiastic membership. A vote of thanks was accorded the retiring hon secretary (R. Lloyd Nunn) for his work during the past season.

The Northampton and County Chess Association held their annual meeting in the Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Abington Street, on October 4th. A. J. Darnell (president) was in the chair, and welcomed the largest number of delegates for many years, including some from Peterborough, Kettering, Wellingborough, Thrapston. Among those present were four members who were present at a similar meeting some thirty-three years ago at Thrapston, when Mr. Darnell was secretary. The treasurer (W. Church) gave a favourable report of the accounts. A draw for the Silver King Trophy was made. In the first round Northampton will

meet Kettering and Wellingborough will meet Peterborough. Whitworth Road Conservative Working Men's Club, have a bye, and will meet the winners of Northampton *v.* Kettering before November 17th. Mr. Darnell was re-elected president, J. S. Greeves, hon. secretary, and W. Church, hon. treasurer. After the meeting tea was indulged in, the president being in the chair. A match took place between the Town and County, and there were 17 tables. The County won by $12\frac{1}{2}$ to $4\frac{1}{2}$. All appreciated the presence of Mr. Darnell, whose untiring efforts and unflinching kindness give renewed life to the Association.

| COUNTY. | | | | NORTHAMPTON TOWN. | | | |
|-----------------|-------------------------|----|---------------|-------------------|----|----|---------------|
| 1 | J. S. Burlingham (Pet.) | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | J. S. Greeves.. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 2 | C. Cannell (Wel.) | .. | 0 | F. W. Shaw .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| 3 | C. H. Goodwin (Pet.) | .. | 1 | W. W. Church .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 4 | A. G. Blackmore (Ket.) | .. | 1 | W. T. Church .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 5 | S. E. Tiney (Ket.) | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | Rev. Whittall .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 6 | W. Lansbury (Pet.) | .. | 1 | H. A. Leach .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 7 | H. J. Wilson (Pet.) | .. | 0 | H. Clarke .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| 8 | F. Paget (Wel.) | .. | 0 | E. W. Buttery .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| 9 | C. Peach (Pet.) | .. | 1 | C. H. Mussen .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 10 | S. H. Blackmore (Ket.) | .. | 1 | A. J. Bilson .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 11 | H. Colbert (Pet.) | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | W. Skinner .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 12 | Rev. Harvey (Rus.) | .. | 1 | E. J. Davies .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 13 | W. J. Cracknell (Pet.) | .. | 1 | W. Bence .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 14 | C. J. Young (Ket.) | .. | 1 | F. Faulkner .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 15 | J. H. Andrews (Pet.) | .. | 1 | O. Cameron .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 16 | T. H. Anderson (Wel.) | .. | 1 | W. D. Smith.. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 17 | J. Page (Wel.) | .. | 1 | J. Tomlin .. | .. | .. | 0 |
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Pet. = Peterborough.
Ket. = Kettering.

Wel. = Wellingboro.
Rus. = Rushden.

It has been decided to form a Chess Association at Leeds and to run a League Competition in sections according to the strength of the clubs who enter.

Sussex *v.* Kent.—One of the most successful big matches ever held took place at Hastings, on September 27th, in which two records were broken. This was the first 100 a-side match ever played in Sussex, and the first of the large matches ever played over the water (it was played in the Pavilion at the end of the Pier. On the first 16 boards counting in the Southern Counties Chess Championship, Sussex scored $9\frac{1}{2}$ to $6\frac{1}{2}$; in the first 50 boards $26\frac{1}{2}$ to $23\frac{1}{2}$, counting in the Amboyna Shield Competition; and 57 to 43 in the match as a whole.

Middlesex players will remember that the M. Fox who figured so prominently in the recent Canadian championship (see our last issue) played on various occasions in the county team—his highest place being third board in the 186-board match *v.* Surrey on March 24th, 1923, when he defeated H. C. Griffiths.

Dr. A. Huntsman has presented to the Birmingham club an old engraving of a celebrated chess function at Parsloes, showing Philidor giving a blindfold display.

The annual meeting of the Edinburgh C.C. was held last week at 1 Alva Street, W. T. Watson, K.C., presiding. It was stated that the club had had a successful year, having won the Richardson cup for the second year in succession, and also the Knight cup of the Edinburgh Chess League. Further, they were successful in the inter-club match against Dundee. The following office-bearers were elected for the 1924-25 season:—President, J. Gordon Laing; treasurer, D. Simpson; secretary and librarian, J. Graham Thomson. A special vote of thanks was accorded W. M. Whitelaw, who had acted as treasurer for the past 12 years.

The Counties and Districts Correspondence Tournament of the British Chess Federation has been won by West of Scotland, whose team scored 21 out of 30 games. Devonshire came second with 18½ points, and Lancashire, Somerset and Yorkshire tied for third place, with 18. This is the third year of the competition. Cornwall won in 1922, and Kent in 1923.

Next time a team representing Lanarkshire may be entered instead of the West of Scotland team. If this is done, it is to be hoped that someone will organise the remainder of the players, so that two Scottish teams can appear in the Tournament.

Eight clubs have entered for the Richardson Cup and were drawn in the following order:—1, Dundee; 2, Greenock; 3, Glasgow; 4, Edinburgh; 5, Bohemians; 6, Burns; 7, Central; 8, Queen's Park; 1 plays 2.

At a meeting of the Glasgow Chess League an important change was made, the number of players required for a first division team being reduced from ten to seven. The effect of this change will be watched with interest. There are several who have players quite strong enough to enable them to participate successfully in a first division match but who have found considerable difficulty in raising a team of ten. There will also be less excuse now for clubs to turn up a man or more short, as has occasionally occurred in the past, a practice much to be deprecated. All matches in the League will now be played seven a-side, as is already the case in the Richardson and Spens Cup-ties.

The annual meeting of the Liverpool Chess Club was held on September 29th, a large number of members being present.

The new committee comprise:—President, E. Spencer; vice-president, E. G. Phillips; secretary, Dr. Kingsford; treasurer, S. Colon; match captain, L. Small; librarian, Dr. Holmes. Other members of the Committee are:—Messrs. J. C. Bryson, P. R. England, W. R. Thomas, J. D. Wright and Dr. Mussen.

Dr. Holmes has now been champion of the club for three years in succession, being the first occasion on which this has been done.

During the year the club lost 10 members by death, several of them members of 30 years and over, one having been a member for 40 years.

The annual meeting of the Portsmouth Chess Club was held on Thursday, October 2nd. The championship trophy (a silver Queen) was presented to H. D. Lloyd, and the Junior Cup to G. A. Cox. It was decided to run the tourneys as in previous years and in addition to institute a Minor Championship Tourney for which H. D. Osborn is giving a cup. W. Pratten, who won the British Boys' Championship at Hastings, last Easter, gained first prize in the Continuous Tourney. He is entering for the coming championship tourney of the club and is regarded as a dangerous rival by all last season's leaders.

Hampstead Chess Club.—The Summer continuous handicap tournament was won by N. Rhys, A3, the remaining prizes being gained by Mrs. Holloway, A1, R. C. Griffith, A1, W. O. Hall, A3, A. E. Mercer, A1, and C. E. P. Brooks, A2, in the order named. The special prize for the greatest number of games played was won by A. Aronson, B2, who completed 90 games during the five month's play. The special prize for the best score against the prize-winners was divided between Mrs. Pecker, B2, and M. H. Exell, A3.

On Saturday, October 4th, R. F. Goldstein played 15 games simultaneously, winning 9, drawing 3 and losing 3.

The Championship entries include four Middlesex champions in V. Buerger, M. E. Goldstein, R. C. Griffith and W. H. M. Kirk and also E. T. Baugert, H. G. Dowden, Mrs. Holloway, G. James, E. M. Jellie, A. E. Mercer, E. Williams and A. Wilson.

The fifth annual Christmas congress of the Hastings Chess Club will start at 6 p.m. on Saturday evening, December 27th, and continue during the following week each morning, with a double round on Tuesday. The sectional play will be concluded on Friday morning, leaving a final round for Saturday morning, January 3rd.

The Tournaments, which include Premier, First Class, Second Class, Third Class and an evening tournament will be run on somewhat novel lines. Each day tournament is limited to 16 entries, which will be divided into two sections of 8 players, of approximately equal strength, each section being played off in the usual way. The winners of the two sections will then play off in the final round for the first two prizes, the seconds in section for two prizes and the thirds in sections for two prizes. There will thus be 6 prizes for each tournament. The evening tournament will be run on similar lines with 12 entries and 4 prizes for the first and second in the two sections.

The first prize in the Premier Tournament is £15, in the First Class £8, in the Second Class £5, in the Third Class £3 10s., in the Evening Tournament £3.

Lightning Tournaments etc., will be held during the Congress.

Full particulars and entry forms (the closing date is December 1st) may be obtained from the hon. secretray, G. M. Norman, Chess Club, 7 Carlisle Parade, Hastings.

CHESS IN IRELAND.

Since the Tailtean tournament there has been a very noticeable revival in the interest taken in chess in Ireland. Several strong players, including Professor Thrift, Lord Dunsany and P. Baker, have joined the Dublin Chess Club whilst the Sackville rejoices in the return of many old players and an accession of 27 new members. In Galway a new club has been provided and already has a large number of members.

Will Editors of newspaper chess columns and secretaries of clubs kindly note that R. H. S. Stevenson, of 45 Clapham Road, S.W.9, has charge of the British News and would be glad if columns and news are sent direct to him. P. W. Sergeant, 9 Loudoun Road, St. John's Wood, N.W.8, is editor of Foreign and Colonial News and would like all foreign and colonial newspapers to be sent direct to him.

NEWS FROM THE DOMINIONS AND FOREIGN LANDS.

Australia.—The Australian championship was decided at Brisbane, on the evening of Saturday, August 23rd, the contest having been prolonged for three days, in order to allow a tie to be played off between W. S. Viner and C. G. Watson. At the end of 8 rounds Viner had been leading with a clean score, while Watson had 7 wins and a loss to Wallace; but in their individual encounter, in the 9th and last round Watson beat Viner. Watson also won the first game of the tie-match. Then, however, Viner won and made a third game necessary, which he also put to his credit, so confirming his right to the title of Australian champion.

The remaining scores in the tournament were :—A. E. N. Wallace, 7; G. Gundersen, $4\frac{1}{2}$; J. Sayers, 4; C. L. R. Boyce and E. A. Coleman, $3\frac{1}{2}$; A. J. Ansaldo, 3; F. Robinson, $2\frac{1}{2}$; and E. Ingledew, 1. It may be noted that from the list of entries given in our last issue J. K. Christensen dropped out.

In the N.S.W. championship, won by A. E. N. Wallace with a score of 15 wins and 3 draws (we take the opportunity of correcting the figures given last month), S. Crackanthorp made a good fight, for his score was 15 wins, 2 draws and 1 loss—only $\frac{1}{2}$ a point behind Wallace.

Yugoslavia.—Our correspondent in Belgrade (who is now Mr. G. Poliaxoff, in succession to Mr. B. Stepanoff, lately gone to live in France) informs us that during the summer chess-interest declined in Yugoslavia. The two masters, Asztalos and Vucovich, however, worthily upheld the honour of their country in the tournament at Győr, Hungary, where they gained third and fourth places respectively.

Vukovich gave a number of exhibitions before proceeding to Hungary—at Subotica, Osijen and Novi Sad. At the last-named town he played two match games with Chirich, each master winning one game.

The Russian master, Lewin, is now residing at Zemun, and, though not in regular practice, was able to hold his own with Kostich before the latter's departure to Australia, in a series of three games, scoring one win and two draws.

On September 19th, Dr. Emanuel Lasker arrived in Belgrade, in order to give a few exhibitions in the country. On the following day he contested a game each against MM. Ovadia and Vilendritch, winning both. Thereafter his record in simultaneous play was:—

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|--------------------------|----|---------|----|------|---|-----------|
| Sept. 21st, at Belgrade. | 36 | games ; | 34 | won, | 2 | drawn. |
| „ 22nd, at Subotica. | 33 | „ | 30 | „ | 2 | „ 1 lost. |
| „ 23rd, at Sombor. | 29 | „ | 29 | „ | | |
| „ 25th, at Zagreb. | 35 | „ | 28 | „ | 7 | „ |
| „ 26th, „ | 9 | „ | 5 | „ | 3 | „ 1 lost. |

In the second exhibition at Zagreb his opponents were specially selected strong players.

Canada.—With regard to the incident over the Fox-Morrison game in the recent Canadian championship, the Montreal chess publication, *Le Pion*, in a review of the tournament by M. Antoine Lamothe, says:—

The game was adjourned with level prospects. On resumption a draw was declared. But it was claimed that Mr. Fox had not made his moves in the prescribed time. The umpires then intervened, and after a rather violent discussion awarded the game to Mr. Morrison. The decision of the umpires aroused pretty severe comment.

Le Pion also says of Fox:—

Not only was he the sensation of the tournament, but we believe that he was the moral winner. His game with Mr. Morrison ended in a draw. The umpires, however, for some reason or other, stepped in—after the draw had been accepted on both sides—and decided that Mr. Fox had not played his moves in the prescribed time, and awarded a win to Mr. Morrison. Mr. Fox, who was then playing his game with Mr. Rombach, under the stress of excitement over this decision did not show his usual skill, and lost.

The affair seems to have been a very unfortunate one. There is some talk of a match between Morrison and Fox in the near future.

Le Pion pays a tribute to the excellent management of the Hamilton tournament by the local committee, headed by J. W. Moncur, and to the untiring energy of the hon. secretary, Malcolm Sim. There was some arduous work to be got through—not least of all by the players—with two rounds a day usually and, on the sixth day, no less than three.

The next Canadian championship may be held at Vancouver or Winnipeg, where it is hoped that more of the strong Western players may be tempted to compete.

South Africa.—The tie-match between L. Edgcumbe and L. Slawsky for the championship of the Durban C.C. ended in a victory

for Edgcumbe, who won the first and third games, while Slawsky won the second.

Kenya Colony.—12 players have entered for this year's championship, including S. Menkin and A. H. Spencer Palmer. Menkin has won the annual contest for the Ruben Cup at the Nairobi C.C. with a clean score of 11.

France.—The place of the second national championship under the auspices of the F.F.d'E. was Strasbourg, and the date August 31st—September 7th. As there were thirteen competitors—a welcome improvement on the four of 1923, when it was suggested that the renown of André Muffang, previous to the inception of the Federation undisputed champion of France, had frightened many aspirants away!—the task of getting the necessary rounds completed in the time allowed was a heavy one. Two rounds a day were played except on the final Saturday; and, as may be imagined, there was little leisure for anyone except the player with the bye in each round.

As we reported in our last issue, the result was an unexpected victory for Robert Crépeaux, who is a 23-year old engineer from Grasse. Undoubtedly the favourites were G. Renaud, last year's winner, and Muffang; but neither of these was in the triple tie for first place. Crépeaux's $8\frac{1}{2}$ points were equalled by H. Bertrand and A. Gibaud. By the Sonneborn-Berger system, which it had been decided should settle a tie, Crépeaux's points were worth $45\frac{1}{2}$, Bertrand's $44\frac{1}{2}$ and Gibaud's $43\frac{3}{4}$; and so Crépeaux became the new champion of France. Table :—

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | T'l. | Prizes. |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------|
| 1 R. Grépeaux (Grasse) | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $8\frac{1}{2}$ | I |
| 2 H. Bertrand (Paris) | $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 | 1 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $8\frac{1}{2}$ | II |
| 3 A. Gibaud (Paris) | 0 | 1 | — | 0 | 1 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 | 1 | 1 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 | 1 | $8\frac{1}{2}$ | III |
| 4 A. Chéron (Lyon) | 1 | 0 | 1 | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | 1 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8 | IV |
| 5 A. Muffang (Paris) | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8 | |
| 6 G. Renaud (Nice) | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | $7\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 7 A. Surén (Colmar) | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 | |
| 8 E. Michel (Strasbourg) .. | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | $5\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 9 F. Lazard (Paris) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 5 | |
| 10 M. Duchamp (Rouen) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | — | 1 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 4 | |
| 11 A. de G. de Marolles (Rennes) | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | — | 1 | 1 | 4 | |
| 12 L. Bertrand (Lyon) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | — | 1 | $2\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 13 R. Casier (Elbeuf) | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | 0 | — | 1 | |

In a 50 a-side match, after the tournament, Alsace beat Lorraine, 31—19.

Belgium.—The national championship, contested in Brussels, September 14th—26th, has been won by E. Colle, of Antwerp, who previously gained the title in 1922, but was beaten last year by G. Koltanowski. The affair was a double-round one of 6 players, Colle's

score of 8 being made up of 7 wins, 2 draws (both with Tackels) and one loss (to Censer). The remaining scores were : A. Tackels, $6\frac{1}{2}$; Varlin, 5; E. Lancel, 4; Lenglez, $3\frac{1}{2}$; I. Censer, 3.

Germany.—At the Upper Rhine congress at Triberg, September 7th—9th, T. Weissinger, of Karlsruhe, won the principal event, with a score of $4\frac{1}{2}$ out of 5.

At Cleve, on September 27th—28th was played the first match since the war, though the fifth in the whole series of matches, between the Rhineland—Westphalia Association and Holland. There were 39 players a-side, and two rounds were contested. In the first round the scores were $19\frac{1}{2}$ each; but in the second round the home team scored $21\frac{1}{2}$ — $15\frac{1}{2}$, with two games left for adjudication. The Dutch top-board, however, Dr. W. Fick, had the satisfaction of defeating G. Kemper, of Krefeld, by $1\frac{1}{2}$ — $\frac{1}{2}$. This is the first German victory in the series of matches.

An international masters' tournament is contemplated at Baden-Baden next Easter, under the management of Dr. Tarrasch.

Norway.—The ninth national congress, held at Kristiania, July 6th—12th, saw the championship won by the local expert Leif Lund with a score of $4\frac{1}{2}$ points in 6 games. T. Aalheim and H. C. Christoffersen tied for second and third places with 4 points.

Sweden.—At the eighth national congress at Norrköping, July 6th—13th, Dr. Karl Olson, of Stockholm, won the first prize, with 5 points in eight games; B. Börjesson was second with $4\frac{1}{2}$ points, followed by K. Berndtsson and G. Dahl, 4 each.

Eighty competitors in all took part in the various contests.

The active membership-roll of the Swedish Chess Federation is now 4,170.

Russia.—The third All-Russian tournament was held in Petrograd at the end of August and beginning of September, with eighteen competitors, including beside E. Bogoljuboff and A. Selesnief, who habitually reside out of Russia, the following representative players : A. Iljin-Shenevsky, G. Lövenfisch, I. Rabinovitch and P. Romanovsky (Petrograd); N. Grigorieff, W. Nenarokoff, A. Rabinovitch, A. Sergeef and B. Werlinsky (Moscow); F. Dus-Chotimirsky and S. Rosental (Minsk); J. Wilner (Odessa); W. Sosin (Novgorod); A. Smorodsky (Tiflis); F. Bogatyrtshik (Kieff); and S. Freiman (Turkestan).

Bogoljuboff took first prize, with 13 wins and 4 draws—15 points.

United States.—The tie-match between C. Torre and H. E. Jennings for the New York State Championship was won by the former, 3—1, though Jennings won the first game. Thus Torre succeeded in putting to his credit both this and the Western championship at his first attempt.

In our September issue we erroneously described S. Faktor as last year's champion of the Western Chess Association. Faktor was champion in 1922, while last year there was a tie between S. Mlotkowski and N. T. Whitaker—the tie not being played off. (See *B.C.M.*, 1923, pp. 346, 365.)

Brazil.—We have received the first two numbers of the *Revista Brasileira de Xadrez*, a monthly chess magazine published in Rio de Janeiro at the price of \$20 a year. The editorial staff includes Souza Mendes, junr., Raul de Castro, Luiz Vianna, C. and H. Pulcherio, etc., and the director is Professor Marcello Kiss, to whom we are indebted for the two numbers. We wish the new venture all success.

We note that Sr. Vianna strongly advocates the formation of a Brazilian Chess Federation, and trust that aspirations to that end will be realised.

The chess column of the *Teplitz-Schönauer Anzeiger* protests that the chess contest at the Paris Olympic Games cannot be considered as involving the amateur championship of the world while such nations as Germany and German Austria were barred. We quite agree. But we cannot understand how the *T.-S. A.* also states that "no fewer than nineteen nations sent their chosen representatives to the event." Our contemporary must be aware that, however far representative the Czecho-Slovakian, Hungarian, Swiss, Latvian and other teams were, the English contingent had not the slightest pretensions to be representative of English amateur playing strength, and entered quite unofficially.

Will Editors of Colonial and Foreign Exchanges kindly note that their magazines or columns should be sent direct to P. W. Sergeant, 9 Loudoun Road, St. John's Wood, London, N.W.8, and *not* to the Editor-in-chief of the *B.C.M.*

OBITUARY.

The death is recorded, on September 15th, of M. Eugène Chatard, aged 74. In his prime he was among the strongest of the Parisian amateurs. There is a "Chatard Gambit," so-called from his fondness for it, viz.: 1 P—K 4, P—K 4; 2 P—K B 4, P×P; 3 Kt—K B 3, P—K Kt 4; 4 P—K Kt 3. It is also claimed that in the French Defence (1 P—K 4, P—K 3; 2 P—Q 4, P—Q 4; 3 Kt—Q B 3, Kt—K B 3; 4 B—K Kt 5, B—K 2; 5 P—K 5, K Kt—Q 2;) 6 P—K R 4 is a move due to M. Chatard's invention.

The death is reported from Prague of Václav Kautsky, editor of the *Casopis Československých Sachistů* and a very prominent upholder of chess in Checho-Slovakia. Deceased was only 41.

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The Handicap and Trophies Tournaments are now in full swing ; in the latter there are 109 players and eleven sections have been formed. There is still one vacancy in 4b which it is hoped to fill shortly. Enough entries have been received to form two separate knock-out tournaments, each with 36 players. A circular is being addressed to all those taking part.

Our match against the Poor Law Officers' C.C.L. has resulted in draw of 3 games each, a satisfactory result seeing that we endeavoured to pick a team as nearly as possible equal in strength to that of our opponents. Members are reminded that the *Chess Amateur* match ended on October 26th. The position reached in games unfinished at that date should be forwarded to us, if this has not already been done. At the time of going to press the scores are : *v. Chess Amateur* (39—45) *v. Belfast News Letter* (6—6) ; *v. France* (3½—6½).

In the course of the examination of many hundreds of games played in our tournaments we have been struck by the apparent lack of knowledge of the openings in many cases, especially in the lower classes and from time to time we are asked to recommend a book on the openings. It may not therefore be considered out of place if we briefly describe a method which we ourselves have found very successful. So far as the Book is concerned we have no hesitation in recommending the new edition of Griffith and White's *Modern Chess Openings* now in course of preparation by the publishers of this magazine, both on account of its being the most modern and its tabular form (particularly the interleaved copy) which lends itself admirably to the treatment here outlined. A small note-book is required for an index, and we will suppose that a start is being made with September's *B.C.M.* In the index, Game No. 1 will be described as *B.C.M.* vol. 44, page 349. We next turn to the page of our book on openings dealing with the Kieseritzky and where this game diverges from the nearest example in the book we place the figure 1, and so on with the next games. Such an index will constantly be growing and can be compiled from cuttings, magazines and tournament books. In this way it is possible to keep up-to-date with the latest developments in the openings and to be able to turn up at very short notice an annotated game in any particular variation. All this may appear to be very laboured and quite foreign to the idea of chess as a game. We take it, however, that most players are desirous of improving their play, and we insist that the first step towards this end is a satisfactory grounding in the strategy of the opening. Instruction over the board by expert players is denied to many correspondence players, and the books often indicate that a particular line of play is best, but are naturally precluded from giving lengthy analyses. This difficulty is

overcome if a collection of well annotated games is always ready for immediate reference. The preparation itself of the index referred to will be found to be a source of considerable instruction.

A player in Dusseldorf wishes to play two games by correspondence with an English opponent, and we would be glad to hear from any member who is willing to accept the invitation.

CHESS FOR BEGINNERS

(Continued from page 412)

In marking solvers for their solutions of Problems Nos. 161 to 164, I found that in the position on page 323, of Problem No. 162, the White Pawn at K B 2 had been omitted, this I fear was due to the proof having reached me when away from home, and unable to check it from the source ; the consequence is that the problem did not present the difficulties that I had hoped. In referring to the Chess Master Breyer, I wrote "late," but I note the printer read it "last." There are 40 solvers this month, including 4 new ones ; many new solvers come in for one set, and then drop out : this of course cannot benefit them much. But I feel confident, and many regular solvers have borne it out, that regular study of such problems does benefit the playing strength. It is therefore all the more regrettable when solvers who have got a long way up the ladder start dropping out. If I can get the numbers up to 60 or more I shall subdivide the class, and give two sets, but it is not worth the extra trouble at present. Many solvers of problem No. 161 have given 6..., P—K R 3 and 6..., P—Q R 3. I should have perhaps given a continuation of these two moves. If 6..., P—K R 3 ; 7 B—K 3, P—Q B 4 ; 8 Q—Kt 4, P—K Kt 3 ; 9 P—R 5, P—K Kt 4 ; 10 P—B 4+. If 6..., P—Q R 3 ; 7 Q—Kt 4, B×B ; 8 P×B, P—Q B 4 ; 9 P—Kt 6, or 7..., P—K R 4 ; 8 Q—Kt 3, B×B ; 9 P×B, Kt—B 1 ; 10 B—Q 3+. Problem 162, without a White Pawn at K B 2 leaves Black with several winning lines ; as the obvious R—B 7 leads to a win, there was no need to try for elaborations. In 163, many carried the solution to 5 K—B 2, but left off there, with "and wins," but since others gave 5..., R—Q 5 ! 6 P—B 8 =Q, R—B 5 ch ; 7 Q×R stalemate, these, too, might have fallen into the trap. I am disappointed that any of my regular solvers should have failed in 164. It is a position which I generally start on when lecturing on the end game !

One set of solutions is unsigned, in it the solver writes : "I am helpless with these openings. Is there any systematic way of studying them ?" Personally I consider there is no better way than to practise over the board ; I have frequently throughout one season kept as far as possible to one opening, and one defence. It may save some losses to first see how the masters have dealt with the opening or defence which you are studying, from some book on openings or a tournament book, but too much of this leads to making the book move, without knowing why ; it leaves a more lasting impression if you learn by bitter experience ! I shall be glad to hear of this solver's

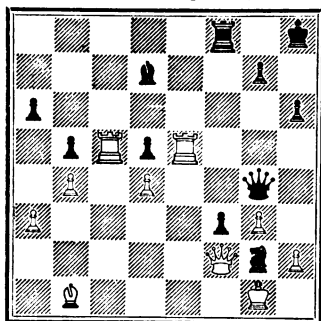
pseudonym—the marks are 1, 3, 2, 0, and I think he has not sent in before. The winner this month is "R.W.E." with 312, 3, 2, 2, 5, 324. The other scores are: "N.M." (2), 283, 2, 4, 5, 5, 299; "C.C.X.L.," 283, 2, 4, 5, 1, 295; Rev. J. B. Bourne (1), 292, no solutions; "T.E.S.," 250, 2, 5, 4, 5, 266; "A.W.T.H.," 256, no solutions; "H.D.B." (India), corrected score, 232, 157/164, 3, 0, 5, 4, 4, 3, 0, 5, 256; Delta (1) 239, 1, 4, 0, 5, 249; J. A. Allcock, 219, 3, 5, 5, 5, 235; "J.A.E.," (1), 209, 3, 5, 5, 227; "C.P." (1), 3, 1, 3, 1, 227; "Nomo" (1), 177, 157/164, 4, 4, 5, 2, 3, 5, 4, 5, 209; "J.W.T.," 198, 2, 3, 5, 0, 208; "C.J.C." (1), 192, 3, 4, 45, 208; "A.E.S." (1), 188, 3, 5, 4, 5, 205; "F.H." (1), 165, 2, 2, 4, 5, 178; "C.H.J.," 145, 2, 3, 5, 5, 160; "Clare," 138, 2, 3, 4, 5, 152; "Tyro" (1), 135, 2, 2, 4, 5, 148; "D.R.L." (1), 140, no solutions; "A.G.A." (2), 121, 2, 4, 5, 5, 137; C. S. Kertchley, no solutions; "Worton," 114, 2, 4, 5, 5, 130; "Knowsley," 109, 2, 3, 4, 5, 124; "F.M.R." (1), 87, 3, 4, 5, 5, 104; C.G.C., 88, 3, 3, 4, 5, 103; A. Lockley (1), 99, no solutions; "Beta," 74, 1, 4, 4, 5, 88; "J.E.D.," 67, 2, 3, 4, 5, 81; "A.A.A." (2), 45, 3, 4, 5, 5, 62; "M.G.K." 49, 1, 5, 4, 2, 61; "F.N.," 58, no solutions; "R.M." (1), 33, 2, 3, 5, 5, 48; "W.H.C.," 30, 2, 3, 4, 5, 44; "J.M.H.," 24, 2, 5, 4, 5, 40; "Knight," 21, 3, 5, 2, 5, 36; "C.E.," (1), 18, 3, 5, 5, 5, 36; "L.I.," 16, 3, 5, 5, 5, 34; "H.L.Z.," 15, 3, 5, 4, 5, 32; "Anco," 15, 2, 4, 0, 5, 26; "A.T.G.," 13, 2, 4, 4, -, 23; "Rook," 19, no solutions; "Iacre," 10, 2, 4, 2, 0, 18; "P.N.," 3, 5, 5, 5, 18; "G.A.W." (2), 3, 4, 5, 5, 17; "O.L.T.," old score ? 2, 5, 4, 5, 16; "Pawn," 2, 4, 4, 0, 10; "R.D.D.," 2, 3, 2, 2, 9.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.—"Iacre."—In your solution of 163 the Queen wins against the Rook, after 7.., K—Kt 8, try 8 Q—B 5 ch. In 164 you are correct to move 4, but 5 P—B 4 is wrong. White must play 5 K—B 4 thus winning the opposition. "Delta."—In 163, 3 K—R 5, R—R 7 ch; 4 K—Kt 4, R—Kt 7 ch; 5 K—B 3 and the Queen wins. I find your answers very variable. Some months quite good, others the reverse. "Clare."—In the position as given on page 323 of 162, R—B 7 is the obvious move, and is stronger before the check. In 163 you did not give 5.., R—Q 5! "C.P."—See answer to "Clare" *re* 162, and you do not carry out your variation far enough. In 163 the variation given is not Black's strongest. I am surprised at your conclusion on your variation 1 of 164. C. Ellice. Have you chosen a pseudonym? I do not think your variation in 161 gives the best moves for White. "A.T.G."—No solution of 164! I got a splendid photograph of Malvern Chapel! "H.L.Z."—You are nicely caught out in 163! However I am only taking off 1. "C.G.C."—You give four solutions to 162! But in a game Black could only play one. In 159 your variation D is incorrect, hence minus 2. See answer to "H.L.Z.," *re* 163. "R.D.D."—In your answer to 164, White should play 4 K—B 4 and win. If you cannot discover the win for White, write to me. Study the solution to 163 as given on page 410. You will soon find you improve, if you work out such end-games. Quite a good start. "C.C.X.L."—In 164 you miss the draw for Black, the very object of the problem. "J.M.H."—I begin to fear the new edition will only be ready by the end of the year. In 163 you miss

Black's best 5th move. "Pawn."—Glad to welcome you. In neither variation you give of 163 is your solution carried far enough. In 164 you give 3.., K—Q 3, you must mean 3.., K—K 3, but that is a win for White by 4 P—B 3 followed if 4.., K—B 3 by 5 K—B 4 ! "J.W.T."—You are all wrong in 164, see answer to "Pawn," above. "F.M.R."—I feel quite jocose-o now ! "H.B.D."—Sorry, but I cannot give you a mark for 158. "Knowsley."—In 163 not 5.., any ; 6 P Queens and wins, see solution, page 410. "M.G.K."—It was I who got caught in 162 ! "W.H.C."—You do not carry your solution to 163 quite far enough. A decided improvement this month. "C.J.C."—See first remark to "W.H.C." "N.M."—Yes, you should get plenty of practice at Hastings. "Anco."—In 163 2 K—B 5 is White's worst move ! "R.W.E."—163. As you will see, you forgot the minor promotion which makes all the difference. In 161, after 6.., P—K R 3 ; 7 B—K 3 is better than B×B. I do not like your revised solution of 162. Had marked you 4 for the first one ! "Nemo."—The study of solution of 160 will benefit you. In 163 you do not show Black's resource at move 5 and White's reply.

The solutions of the Problems on page 412 are as follows. Problem No. 165. A game was opened 1 P—K 4, P—K 4 ; 2 Kt—K B 3, Kt—Q B 3 ; 3 B—Kt 5, P—K Kt 3 ; 4 P—Q 4, Kt×P ; 5 Kt×Kt, P×Kt ; 6 Q×P, Q—B 3 ; what is White's best continuation ? This is discussed by Tartakover in his *Die Hypermoderne Schachpartie*. 11 Folge. 7 B—K 3 would be the routine move, and if 7.., B—Kt 2 ; 8 P—Q B 3, with slightly better game. If 7 Q×Q, Kt×Q ; 8 Kt—B 3, P—Q R 3 ; 9 B—R 4, P—Q Kt 4 ; 10 B—Kt 3, B—Q Kt 2 ; 11 P—K B 3, P—Q 3 ; 12 B—Kt 5, B—Kt 2 ; 13 O—O—O or 8.., B—Kt 5 ; 9 B—Q 2, O—O ; 10 P—K B 3, P—Q 3 ; 11 O—O—O, B—Q 2 ; and if 12 B×B, B×Kt ! ; 13 B×B, Kt×B=. 7 P—K 5 is most energetic. 7.., Q—Kt 3 ; 8 Q×Q, R P×Q ; 9 B—K B 4, R—R 4 ; 10 B—Q 3, B—Kt 2 ; 11 O—O, B×P ; 12 R—K 1. If 9.., B—Kt 2 ; 10 Kt—B 3, R—R 4 ; 11 O—O—O, P—B 3 ; 12 B—B 4, B×P ; 13 K R—K 1, P—B 3 ; 14 P—Q Kt 4 ! R—R 1 ; 15 R×B !+.

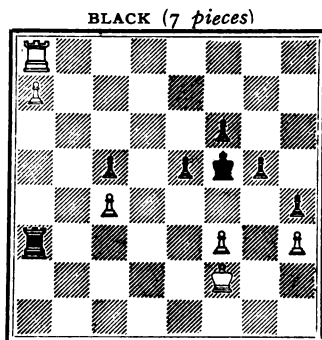
BLACK (11 pieces)



WHITE (10 pieces)

Problem No. 166. White to play. How should he continue ? This position occurred in a game between Wolf and Spielmann. White wins by 1 P—R 3, Q×P ; 2 Q×P, for if R×Q ; 3 R—B 8 ch, B×R ; 4 R—K 8 ch, R—B 1 ; 5 R×R mate.

Problem No. 167. Black to play. What result and how? This is an ending from a game played by M. E. Goldstein, the Middlesex and Hampstead Chess Club Champion, and was won by 38., K-B 5; 39 R-K B 8, R-R 7 ch; 40 K-B 1, R x Q R P; 41 R x P ch, K-K 6; 42 R-B 5, R-R 8 ch; 43 K-Kt 2, R-R 7 ch; 44 K-Kt 1, K-Q 5 and wins.



WHITE (6 pieces)

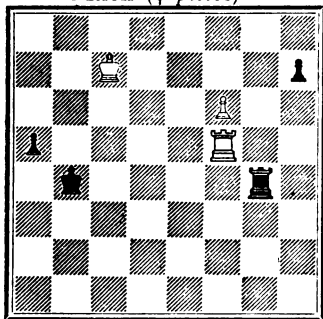
Problem No. 168. White: King on Q R 1, Queen on Q Kt 1. Black: King on K 3. Show the quickest mate. 1 Q-Q Kt 6 ch (Q-K Kt 6 ch would answer the same purpose), K-Q 4; 2 K-Kt 2, K-K 4 (keeping as much as possible to the centre); 3 K-B 4, K-B 4; 4 K-Q 4, K-B 5; 5 Q-K B 6 ch, K-Kt 5; 6 K-K 3, K-Kt 6; 7 Q-Kt 5 ch and mates in two. If 6., K-R 4; 7 Q-Kt 7 (*not* K-B 4!). If 6., K-Kt 7; 7 Q-Kt 5 ch, K-B 8; 8 Q-Kt 4 and mates next move. If 3., K-K 5 or Q 4; 4 Q-K B 6 and mates in 5. Here is one. 3., K-K 5; 4 Q-K B 6, K-Q 4; 5 Q-K 7, K-B 3; 6 K-B 4, K-Kt 3; 7 Q-Q 7, K-R 3; 8 K-B 5, K-R 4; 9 Queen mates at Q Kt 5, or Q R 7.

Problem No. 169. How should White continue after 1 P-K 4, P-K 4; 2 Kt-K B 3, Kt-Q B 3; 3 B-Kt 5, P-Q R 3; 4 B-R 4, Kt-B 3; 5 Castles, B-B 4?

Problem No. 170. A game commences 1 P-K 4, Kt-K B 3; 2 P-K 5, Kt-Q 4; 3 P-Q B 4, Kt-Kt 3; 4 P-Q 4, P-Q 3; What is White's best continuation?

Problem No. 171

BLACK (4 pieces)



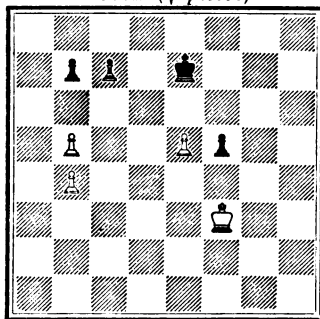
WHITE (3 pieces)

Black to play.

What result and how?

Problem No. 172

BLACK (4 pieces)



WHITE (4 pieces)

White to play.

What result and how?

This month I am giving *two* problems on the openings, both of variations frequently tried of late. Solutions of these four problems should be sent to R. C. Griffith, 18 Wedderburn Road, London, N.W.3, by November 30th, 1924.

GAME DEPARTMENT.

GAME No. 5,302.

Played in the Tournament for the Western Championship, at Detroit (see p. 421). Notes by J. H. Blake.

Irregular Opening.

| WHITE | BLACK |
|------------|--------------|
| C. TORRE | N. N. BANKS. |
| 1 P—Q 4 | 1 Kt—K B 3 |
| 2 Kt—K B 3 | 2 P—Q 3 |
| 3 Kt—B 3 | 3 B—B 4 |
| 4 B—Kt 5 | 4 Kt—K 5 |

.....This results in White getting command of the centre, so that 4... Q Kt—Q 2 was better.

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| 5 Kt×Kt | 5 B×Kt |
| 6 Kt—Q 2 | 6 B—Kt 3 |
| 7 P—K 4 | 7 P—K B 3 |
| 8 B—K 3 | 8 P—K 3 |

.....Apparently he has not yet decided which centre Pawn to play to the fourth rank, and is reserving the option.

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| 9 B—Q 3 | 9 B—K 2 |
| 10 Q—Kt 4 | 10 Q—Q 2 |
| 11 Castles K R | 11 P—K 4 |

.....Merely plausible, as the apparent gain in time is offset by the better positions of the White pieces after the 14th move; 11... Castles, was therefore better.

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| 12 Q—Kt 3 | 12 P×P |
| 13 B×P | 13 Kt—B 3 |
| 14 B—B 3 | 14 Castles Q R |

.....As White is in a position to storm the Queen's side rather easily, this was a very dangerous choice.

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| 15 P—Q Kt 4 | 15 Q R—B 1 |
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.....Whilst this runs to the other extreme. It was now advisable to grasp his nettle firmly, by 15... P—Q 4; if 16 P×P, Kt×P; or if 16 P—Kt 5, then ... Kt—Kt 5.

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| 16 P—Kt 5 | 16 Kt—Q 1 |
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.....If 16... Kt—K 4; 17 B—K 2, P—B 4; 18 P—B 4 wins the Exchange—the effect of his last move.

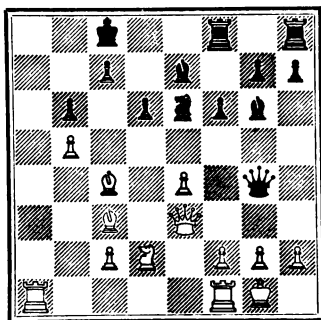
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| 17 Q—K 3 | 17 P—Kt 3 |
| 18 P—Q R 4 | 18 Q—Kt 5 |
| 19 P—R 5 | 19 Kt—K 3 |

.....As will presently appear, the Knight is needed on its present square to keep a hostile piece out of Q B 3. 19 B—B 2 retards the attack a little.

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| 20 P×P | 20 R P×P |
| 21 B—B 4 | |

Position after 21 B—B 4 :

BLACK (BANKS)



WHITE (TORRE)

21 Kt—B 5

.....In view of the threat of mate few players would have resisted the temptation to make this move. 21... B—B 2 was no better, for then 22 B—Q 5, Kt—B 5?; 23 Q×Kt followed by 24 B—B 6. The only course was therefore to return to Q 1 with the Knight.

22 Q×Kt!

A combination of a high order,
and probably quite sound.

22 Q×Q
23 B—K 6 ch 23 K—Kt 2

.....This deprives him of his last chance of making a stand; 23..., K—Kt1 was the right course; then 24 B—Q 5, P—B 3; 25 K B×P, P—Q 4; with a chance of getting his Queen back to assist in the defence of her consort; White should however win by doubling Rooks on the Queen's Rook's file.

24 B—Q 5 ch 24 P—B 3

.....Otherwise 25 B—B 6 and Rook mates.

25 K B×P ch 25 K—B 1
26 R—R 8 ch 26 K—B 2

27 R—R 7 ch 27 K—B 1
28 P—Kt 3

If 28 K R—R 1 Black plays 28..., P—Q 4, afterwards getting the Queen back to Q Kt 1.

28 Q—Kt 5
29 K R—R 1 29 K—Q 1

.....Now if 29..., P—Q 4 White intended playing 30 P—K 5, K—Q 1; 31 R—R 8 ch, Q—B 1; 32 R×Q ch, K×R; 33 R—R 8, ch, K—B 2; 34 R—R 7 ch, K—Q 1; 35 R—Q 7 ch, K—K 1; 36 P—K 6, etc.; but a member of the Los Angeles Chess Club pointed out a shorter win by 30 R—Kt 7, K—Q 1; 31 R—R 8 ch, Q—B 1; 32 R—Q 7 ch, K—K 1; 33 R×Q ch, K—B 2; 34 B×P, Mate.

30 B—Q 4 30 Resigns

GAME No. 5,303.

Played in a match at the Hague, won by Mr. Loman with a score of 5 to 0, with 1 draw. Notes by J. H. Blake.

Queen's Gambit Accepted (in effect).

| WHITE | BLACK |
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| H. VAN DER VEEN | R. J. LOMAN |
| 1 P—Q 4 | 1 P—Q 4 |
| 2 Kt—K B 3 | 2 Kt—K B 3 |
| 3 P—B 4 | 3 P—B 3 |
| 4 Kt—B 3 | 4 P×P |
| 5 P—K 3 | 5 P—Q Kt 4 |
| 6 P—Q R 4 | 6 P—Kt 5 |
| 7 Kt—R 2 | 7 P—K 3 |
| 8 B×P | 8 B—Kt 2 |

.....Rather earlier than usual.

Dr. Lasker and Rubinstein, when playing this defence, both developed the Queen's Knight, the King's Bishop, then Castled, before moving this Bishop. Black's intention here is to get in ... P—Q B 4 as early as possible.

9 Castles 9 Q Kt—Q 2
10 Q—K 2 10 P—B 4
11 R—Q 1 11 P×P

.....As Mr. Loman says, 11..., Q—Kt 3 was rather better, and on the next two moves it was equally called for; when played it is too late to avert some loss.

12 Kt×Q P 12 B—K 2
13 P—Q Kt 3

Mr. Loman points out here that if 13 B×K P, P×B; 14 Kt×P, Q—Kt 3; 15 Kt×P ch, K—B 1; 11 Kt—B 5, R—KKt 1, Black's game is superior.

13 Castles
14 B—Kt 2 14 Q—Kt 3
15 P—R 5! 15 Q×P
16 Kt×K P 16 P×Kt
17 B×P ch 17 K—R 1
18 K B×Kt 18 B—R 3

.....Here Mr. Loman remarks "Better ... Q—K Kt 4; it is doubtful however whether Black has sufficient compensation for the

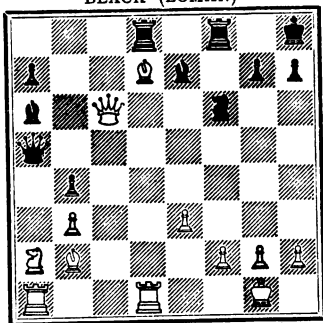
Pawn." White seems nevertheless to be driven to play 19 B—R 3 (to escape the consequences of ..., Kt×B followed by ..., B—B 6), and has then two minor pieces rather indifferently posted.

19 Q—B 2 19 Q R—Q 1
20 Q—B 6

"And here 20 B—B 5 ought to have been played; e.g., 20 B—B 5 R×R; 21 R×R, Q×Kt; 22, R—R 1 and wins," says Mr. Loman.

Position after 20 Q—B 6.

BLACK (LOMAN)



WHITE (VAN DER VEEN)

20 Kt×B
21 R×Kt 21 Q—K B 4!

.....If 21..., B—Kt 4 White would as best continue as in the actual game, as 22 Q—K R 6 would leave Black the strong reply 22..., R—B 3!

22 B×P ch 22 K×B
23 R×B ch 23 K—R 1
24 Q×B

A fatal error. 24 P—B 4 was safe enough; Black has then no very satisfactory way of continuing the attack, which White threatens to paralyse by Q—K 4. If 24..., R—Q 7; 25 Kt×P is best; not 25 Q×B because of 25..., R×P ch!

24 Q×P ch
25 K—R 1 25 R—Q 7
26 Resigns

Because 26 R—K Kt 1 leaves Black a mate in three by 26..., Q×R ch, etc.

GAME No. 5,304.

Played in the British Championship Tournament at Southport.
Notes by J. H. Blake.

Dutch Defence.

WHITE BLACK
W. A. FAIRHURST V. KHADILKAR
1 P—Q 4 1 P—K B 4
2 P—K Kt 3

The choice between 2 P—Q B 4, 2 P—K 4, and the text-move is a matter of individual preference; but Staunton's 2 P—K 4 is in less favour than formerly owing to the discovery that after 2 P—K 4, P×P; 3 Kt—Q B 3, Kt—K B 3; 4 B—K Kt 5, Black can comfortably play 4..., P—K Kt 3, which discounts Pillsbury's attack by 5 P—B 3.

2 Kt—K B 3
3 P—Q 3
3 B—Kt 2
4 Kt—K B 3

Blackburne played here 4 Kt—K R 3, followed by P—K B 3, Kt—B 2, Kt—Q 2, and the advantageous advance of P—K 4.

4 Q Kt—Q 2
5 Q—Q 3? 5 Kt—Kt 3
6 P—B 4 6 P—Kt 3
7 P—Kt 3

Very questionable; the Queen's Bishop, unsupported for over

twenty moves, remains a helpless spectator for the rest of the game.

- 7 B—Kt 2
8 B—Kt 2 8 Castles
9 Q Kt—Q 2

The logical consequence of his last move would be 9 P—Q 5, meeting .., P—K 4 with 10 P×P *e.p.* Black promptly takes the point and prevents that move. Still at White's next two moves, and even later, it would be wise to support the Bishop (by Q—B 2 or B—Q B 3) in order to keep the possibility of P—Q 5 open.

- 9 Kt—R 4
10 Q R—Q 1 10 P—R 4
11 Castles 11 P—R 5
12 P—Q Kt 4 12 Kt—Q 2
13 Kt—Kt 5 13 Q Kt—B 3
14 P—B 4

The true justification of his last move was that by inducing Black's reply it afforded another opportunity for P—Q 5.

- 14 P—R 3
15 Kt—R 3 15 P—B 3
16 Kt—B 3

Letting slip the last chance; his Queen's Bishop has now no future.

- 16 Kt—K 5
17 Kt—R 4 17 Q—K 1
18 Kt—B 2 18 P—Q 4
19 P—B 5 19 P—Q Kt 3

.....Excellent judgment. Black gets an attack fully worth the Pawn offered, which had better not have been accepted, the alternative being 20 Q—B 2.

- 20 P×P 20 B—R 3
21 Q—B 2 21 R—Kt 1
22 K B—B 3 22 R×P
23 Q×R P 23 B—B 5
24 P—Q R 3 24 P—Kt 4
25 Kt×P

25 Kt—Kt 2 loses a piece by 25... Kt×Kt; 26 B×Kt (otherwise .., P—Kt 5!), Kt—R 6 ch; 27 K—R 1, Q×B.

25 Kt×Kt

.....Much better than 25... R×Kt, which would be met not by 26 P—Kt 4, but by 26 Kt×Kt,

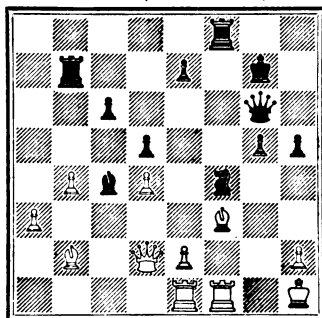
P×Kt; 27 B×P, R—B 1; 28 Q—B 2, B—B 2; 29 P×P, P×P; 30 Q—B 5, getting four Pawns for his piece.

- 26 Kt×B 26 Kt—R 6 ch
27 K—Kt 2 27 Kt×P ch
28 P×Kt 28 Kt×P ch
29 K—R 1 29 K×Kt
30 Q—B 2 30 Q—Kt 3
31 Q—Q 2

Perhaps his best chance of holding the game was to exchange Queens and play 32 R—B 2. 32... Kt×P would not then be good for Black by reason of his King's Pawn being *en prise* after 33 R×Kt, R×B.

- 31 P—R 4
32 Q R—K 1 32 R—Kt 2
Position after 32... R—Kt 2.

BLACK (KHADILKAR)



WHITE (FAIRHURST)

- 33 R—Kt 1

The inability to move the King's Pawn is irksome. 33 B—B 1, P—K 3; 34 Q—K 3, R—B 4; 35 B—K Kt 2, Q R—K B 2; 36 R—B 3 is an alternative line.

- 33 Kt—R 6
34 R—Kt 3 34 Kt—B 7 ch
35 K—Kt 1 35 P—R 5
36 R—Kt 2 36 Kt—R 6 ch
37 K—R 1 37 P—K 3

.....Not 37... P—Kt 5, because then 38 B×Kt P, Kt—B 7 ch; 39 K—Kt 1, Kt×B; 40 P—R 3.

- 38 Q R—K Kt 1

This and the next move carry indications of clock pressure.

38 B—B 1, Q R—K B 2; 39 Q—K 3, K—R 2; 40 R—Kt 4 is a tenable defence.

38 R—B 4

39 B—Kt 4

Much better is 39 P—K 4! If ... R×B; 40 R×P, Kt×K R; 41 R×Kt, R—B 8 ch; 42 K—Kt 2, Q R—K B 2; 43 B—B 1, and Black has no winning prospects left. Black's best line would be 39... Kt×R; 40 P×R, Kt×B; 41 P×Q, Kt×Q; 42 R×Kt, K×P, and with opposite coloured Bishops and a passed Rook's Pawn White might succeed in drawing.

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| 40 R×Kt | 39 Kt—B 7 ch |
| 41 Q—K 3 | 40 R×R |
| 42 Q×Q | 41 Q—K 5 ch |
| 43 P—Q 5 ch | 42 P×Q |
| 44 P×B P | 43 K—R 3 |
| 45 B—Q 4 | 44 Q R—K B 2 |
| 46 Q B×P | 45 P—K 6 |
| 47 B—B 3 | 46 B—Q 4 ch |
| 48 Resigns | 47 Q R×B |

An effective finish on the part of Black, whose best game this was.

GAME No. 5,305.

The remaining games were played in the Major Open Tournament at Southport. Notes by J. H. Blake.

Queen's Gambit Accepted (in effect).

| WHITE | BLACK |
|---------------|---------------|
| H. G. RHODES. | A. RUBINSTEIN |
| 1 P—Q 4 | 1 P—Q 4 |
| 2 P—Q B 4 | 2 P—Q B 3 |
| 3 Kt—K B 3 | 3 Kt—K B 3 |
| 4 Kt—B 3 | 4 P×P |
| 5 P—K 3 | 5 P—Q Kt 4 |
| 6 P—Q R 4 | 6 P—Kt 5 |
| 7 Kt—R 2 | 7 P—K 3 |
| 8 B×P | 8 Q Kt—Q 2 |
| 9 Castles | 9 B—K 2 |
| 10 P—Q Kt 3 | |

It is more usual to reserve this square for the Knight now at R 2; see Game No. 4,996, Alekhine v. Tarrasch, December, 1922, for a good example of this method. White it is true makes excellent use of that piece by his own method; still Black has by that time succeeded in advancing ... P—Q B 4, a move which in this variation White should aim at retarding as long as possible.

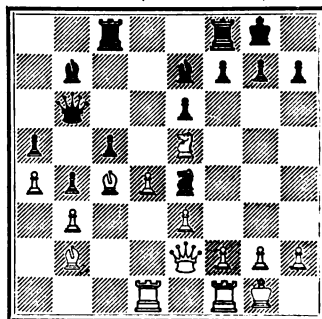
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| 11 B—Kt 2 | 10 Castles |
| 12 Q—K 2 | 11 P—Q R 4 |
| 13 Q R—Q 1 | 12 P—B 4 |
| 14 Kt—B 1 | 13 B—Kt 2 |
| 15 Kt—Q 3 | 14 Q—Kt 3 |
| 16 K Kt—K 5 | 15 Q R—B 1 |
| | 16 Kt×Kt |

17 Kt×Kt 17 Kt—K 5

.....Black seems to have over-rated the effect of the threat by discovery contemplated by this and his two next moves.

Position after 17... Kt—K 5.

BLACK (RUBINSTEIN)



WHITE (RHODES)

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|-----------|-----------|
| 18 Kt—Q 7 | 18 Q—B 3 |
| 19 B—Kt 5 | 19 Kt—B 6 |
| 20 Q—Kt 4 | 20 P—R 4 |

.....Not 20... Kt×B because 21 P—Q 5 wins the Queen by threatening also mate.

| | |
|---------|----------|
| 21 B×Q | 21 P×Q |
| 22 B×B | 22 R—B 2 |
| 23 Kt×R | 23 R×B |

24 R—Q 3

We now have the position given on p. 365 (except that the Black Pawn shewn at K R 2 should be at K B 2). White should win by 24 B×Kt, P×B; 25 P×P (far better than 25 Kt×K P which loses a move when time is more important than the Pawn), K×Kt; 26 R—Q 4 l, R×P; 27 P—B 6, R—Kt 1; 28 R—B 4, B—B 3; 29 R—Q 1, with a winning advantage.

24 P×P

25 Kt—K 7 ch

26 K×Kt

27 R—B 2

25 P×P

26 K—R 1

27 P—Kt 3

28 R—K 1

29 R—K 3

30 B×Kt

31 R (K 3)—K 2

32 R×R

33 K—Kt 2

34 K—B 1

35 K—K 1

36 K—Q 1

37 K—B 2

38 R—K 1

39 R—K R 1

40 P—R 3

41 R×P

42 Resigns

28 R—B 7

29 Kt—B 6

30 P×B

31 R×R

32 B—B 3

33 B×P

34 K—K 2

35 P—B 4

36 K—Q 3

37 P—K 4

38 P—Kt 4

39 P—K 5

40 P×P

41 B×P

GAME No. 5,306.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

WHITE

P. W. SERGEANT A. RUBINSTEIN

BLACK

A. RUBINSTEIN

1 P—Q 4

2 P—Q B 4

3 Kt—Q B 3

1 P—Q 4

2 P—K 3

3 P—Q R 3

.....First played at this early stage by Janowski in 1899.

4 P×P

The *Handbuch* gives 4 Kt—K B 3!, P×P; 5 P—Q R 4, Kt—Q B 3; 6 P—K 3, Kt—Kt 5; 7 B×P, Kt—K B 3; 8 Castles, P—Q Kt 3; 9 P—K 4, B—Kt 2; 10 Q—K 2, B—K 2, from a game Schlechter v. Janowski. 4 P—K 4 allows Black to develop quickly by ..., P×P; ..., B—Kt 5 ch; and ..., P—Q B 4.

4 P×P

5 P—K Kt 3?

Pillsbury v. Janowski, 1902, was continued 5 Q—Kt 3, Kt—Q B 3! 6 Kt—B 3, B—K 3; 7 B—B 4, R—Kt 1; 8 P—K 3, Kt—B 3; and Black obtained the better game.

6 Kt—K B 3

7 B—Kt 2

8 Q—B 2

5 Kt—K B 3

6 B—Q 3

7 P—B 3

8 Castles

9 Castles

10 P—K R 3

11 Kt—K R 4

9 R—K 1

10 Q Kt—Q 2

This manoeuvre does not turn out well, as the Knight cannot be maintained at K B 5. There seems to be nothing in particular for White to aim at here; the fact suggests that a Queen's Gambit attack and a King's Fianchetto development are incompatible.

12 Kt—B 5

13 B—Kt 5

11 Kt—B 1

12 B—B 2

13 B—B 4, intending an attack on the open King's Knight's file if Black should exchange, would be merely plausible, but no more; for after 13.., B×B, 14 P×B, Kt—Kt 3; 15 P—K 3, Q—Q 2; 16 Kt—Kt 3, Kt—R 5, White stands badly.

14 B—Q 2

15 Kt—K R 4

16 Q×Kt

17 Kt—B 3

18 P—K 3

19 Kt—K 2

13 P—R 3

14 Kt—K 5!

15 Kt×B

16 Kt—K 3

17 P—K B 4

18 Q—B 3

19 Kt—Kt 4

20 Kt×Kt

20 P×Kt

21 P—B 4

It is dangerous to permit ...

P—B 5.

21 B—Q 2

..... See his 23rd move; 21...
B—K 3 would save time.

22 Q R—Q B 1 22 B—Q 3

23 Kt—B 3 23 B—K 3

24 Q R—K 1 24 Q R—Q 1

25 Kt—R 4 25 R—K 2

26 Kt—B 5 26 B—B 1

27 Kt—Q 3 27 P×P

..... The accuracy with which this moved is timed is worth noting. The aim of White's manoeuvre with his Knight was to get to K 5; by making the exchange at the moment when White cannot retake with the King's Pawn, Black compels the relinquishment of that aim.

28 Kt×P

Not 28 Kt P×P because of ..
P—K Kt 4; .., R—Kt 2; ..,
K—R 1 and .., Q R—K Kt 1.

(See diagram).

28 P—K Kt 4

29 Kt—K 2

Black pointed out after the game that 29 Kt—R 5 was much stronger; the Knight could be supported on that square by Q—Q 1 and P—K Kt 4, and would not easily have been turned

out. For that reason it might have been better for Black to play ... Q—R 3 before instead of after ... P—K Kt 4. After the text-move Black forces the win by a series of accurately timed moves.

29 Q R—K 1

30 R—B 3 30 Q—R 3

31 Q R—K B 1 31 B—B 2

..... Necessary before driving the White Rook to K B 6.

32 Kt—B 1 32 P—Kt 5

33 P×P 33 P×P

34 R—B 6 34 Q×P ch

35 Q×Q 35 R×Q

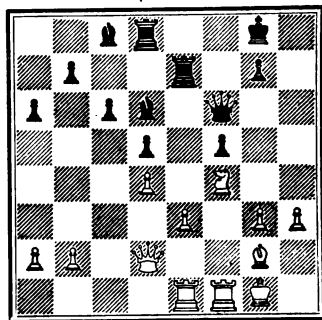
36 R—Kt 6 ch 36 K—R 2

37 Q R—B 6 37 B—B 4

38 Resigns

Position after 28 Kt×P.

BLACK (RUBINSTEIN)



WHITE (SERGEANT)

GAME No. 5,307.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

WHITE

A. R. B. THOMAS

BLACK

A. RUBINSTEIN

1 P—Q 4

1 P—Q 4

2 Kt—K B 3

2 Kt—K B 3

3 P—Q B 4

3 P—K 3

4 Kt—Q B 3

4 Q Kt—Q 2

5 B—Kt 5

5 P—B 3

6 P—K 3

6 Q—R 4

7 Kt—Q 2

7 P×P

..... Black has adopted the Cambridge Springs defence. This was formerly continued 7... B—Kt 5; 8 Q—B 2, after which he had the choice of 8... Kt—K 5,

or ... P×P, or ... Castles, neither considered quite satisfactory to Black, whose Bishop had to retreat to K 2. Black seeks to save the move thus lost with the Bishop; and holds that with the manoeuvre of the Queen's Bishop at moves 13 and 14 the defence is good.

8 B×Kt

8 Kt×B

9 Kt×P

9 Q—B 2

10 B—Q 3

10 B—K 2

11 Castles

11 Castles

12 R—B 1

12 R—Q 1

13 Kt—K 5

13 B—Q 2

14 B—Kt 1

14 P—B 4 is better suited to maintain the attack. A correspondence game between the Clubs of Christiania and Copenhagen was continued 14 P—B 4, B—K 1; 15 R—B 3, (Mr. Maroczy pointed out that 15 Kt—R 4 was better, to prevent Black's next), P—B 4; 16 P—K Kt 4, P—K Kt 3; 17 P—Kt 5, Kt—Q 2; 18 Kt—Kt 4, P×P; 19 Kt—Q 5, Q—Q 3; 20 Kt×B ch, Q×Kt; 21 B—Kt 5 Q—Kt 5, and White eventually won.

14 B—K 1

15 Q—B 2

15 Q—R—B 1

16 K R—Q 1

16 Kt—Kt 4, P—K Kt 3; 17 Kt×Kt ch, B×Kt; 18 Kt—K 4 would postpone for some time Black's chance of releasing his game by ..., P—Q B 4.

16 P—K Kt 3

17 Kt—B 3

17 P—B 4

18 P×P

18 Q×P

19 R×R

This and the next move point to time pressure. 19 Q—Kt 3, intending if ..., P—Kt 3; 20 Kt—K 2 is an equalising line, and he has now hardly more.

19 R×R

20 R—Q 1

20 R—B 1

21 R—Q 2

21 Q—Kt 3 is still the right course. The text move suggests undue preoccupation with the idea of exchanges, which Black easily frustrates.

21 Q—Q R 4

28 Resigns

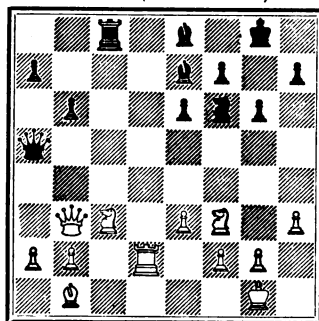
22 Q—Kt 3

22 P—Kt 3

23 P—K R 3

Position after 23 P—K R 3.

BLACK (RUBINSTEIN)



WHITE (THOMAS)

23 K—Kt 2

..... Necessary to his 27th move, to prevent White continuing 28 R×R ch.

24 K—R 2

24 P—Q R 3 would ward off the danger.

24 B—Kt 5

25 R—B 2

25 B—Q 3 ch

26 K—Kt 1

26 Kt—Q 4

27 Kt×Kt

If 27 R—B 1, B—R 5 wins. If 27 P—R 3, Kt×Kt; 28 R×Kt, B—R 5; 29 Q—R 2, R×R; 30 P×R, Q×B P, followed by the gain of the Rook's Pawn. There is no way of obtaining a sufficient price for the Queen if given up.

27 B—R 5

GAME No. 5,308.

Played at the Northern congress, Copenhagen, August, 1924.
First five notes adapted from the *Deutsches Wochensach*.

Queen's Pawn (Irregular).

WHITE

BLACK

P. JOHNER

A. NIMZOVITCH

1 P—Q 4

1 Kt—K B 3

2 P—Q B 4

2 P—K 3

3 Kt—K B 3

3 P—Q Kt 3

4 P—K Kt 3

4 B—Kt 2

5 B—Kt 2

5 P—Q 4

6 Kt—K 5

6 P—B 3

7 Castles

7 Q Kt—Q 2

8 P—B 4

8 Kt×Kt

9 B P×Kt

9 Kt—Q 2

10 P×P

10 B P×P

11 Q—Kt 3

Better was Q—Q 3, followed by Kt—B 3.

- 11 B—K 2
 12 Q—K B 3
 13 Q—Kt 4
 14 Kt—B 3

.....Had White played as suggested on the 11th move, this uncomfortable manoeuvre would not have been possible. Now White cannot take the Pawn, for then Q—Kt 3, winning the King's Pawn.

- 15 B—B 4
 16 Kt—R 4
 17 P—Kt 3
 18 P×B
 19 R—B 2
 20 R—Q 1

.....Winning a Pawn, but facilitating a counter-attack.

- 21 B—K 3
 22 Q—R 5
 23 P—R 4

.....Best was P×P, and the surrender of the Exchange in reply to B—R 6. Black hopes to be able to stand the attack and win with his passed Queen's Knight's Pawn.

- 24 P×P
 25 B×P?

- 11 B—K 2
 12 Castles
 13 K—R 1
 14 P—Q Kt 4

A mistake which throws away a win. The right line was 25 B—K 4, P—B 4; 26 R—R 2, R—B 2; 27 Q×Kt, R—Kt 2; 28 Q×K P, P×B; 29 B—B 4, etc.

- 25 Q×B
 26 R—R 2
 27 Q×Kt
 28 R—K B 1
 29 Q—B 4
 30 R—R 6
 31 Q—R 4
 32 R—B 1
 33 R—B 1
 34 P—Kt 4?

We omit another repetition of moves. White's attempt to avoid a draw now brings him a loss.

- 34 Q—K 4
 35 K—B 2
 36 Q—R 1

He has not time for R—K R 1, for then P—Kt 8 (Q), and the King's Rook's Pawn is doubly guarded.

- 36 Q×Q
 37 R×Q
 38 R×R P
 39 Resigns

An interesting, if faulty, game.

GAME No. 5,309.

Queen's Gambit Declined (in effect).

| WHITE | | BLACK | |
|-------------|------------------|-------------|------------------|
| G. W. MOSES | J. A. J. DREWITT | G. W. MOSES | J. A. J. DREWITT |
| 1 P—Q 4 | 1 P—Q 4 | 16 Q×B | 16 Q R—Kt 1 |
| 2 Kt—K B 3 | 2 P—Q B 4 | 17 Q R—B 1 | 17 P×P |
| 3 P—K 3 | 3 P—K 3 | 18 R×P | 18 B—Kt 2 |
| 4 P—B 4 | 4 Kt—K B 3 | 19 K R—B 1 | 19 K R—B 1 |
| 5 Kt—B 3 | 5 Kt—B 3 | 20 R×R ch | 20 B×R |
| 6 P—Q R 3 | 6 B—Q 3 | 21 Kt×P | 21 B—Kt 2 |
| 7 B—Q 3 | 7 Castles | 22 Kt—R 4 | 22 Q—Q 3 |
| 8 Castles | 8 Q—K 2 | 23 B—K 2 | 23 Kt—K 5 |
| 9 P×B P | 9 B×P | 24 R—Q 1 | 24 Q—K 2 |
| 10 P—Q Kt 4 | 10 B—Q 3 | 25 P—B 3 | 25 Q—R 5 |
| 11 B—Kt 2 | 11 P—Q R 4 | 26 P×Kt | 26 Q×K P |
| 12 P—Kt 5 | 12 Kt—K 4 | 27 B—B 3 | 27 Q×P ch |
| 13 Kt×Kt | 13 B×Kt | 28 Q—B 2 | 28 Q—Kt 6 |
| 14 Q—K 2 | 14 P—Q Kt 3 | 29 Q—Q 4 | 29 Resigns |
| 15 Kt—R 4 | 15 B×B | | |

GAME No. 5,310.

Petroff's Defence.

| WHITE | | BLACK | | WHITE | | BLACK | |
|--------------|----------|------------------|----------|--------------|---------|------------------|-------------|
| F. SCHOFIELD | | J. A. J. DREWITT | | F. SCHOFIELD | | J. A. J. DREWITT | |
| 1 | P—K 4 | 1 | P—K 4 | 16 | B—Q 3 | 16 | Q—K R 4 |
| 2 | Kt—K B 3 | 2 | Kt—K B 3 | 17 | Q—K 2 | 17 | B—Q 3 |
| 3 | Kt×P | 3 | P—Q 3 | 18 | P—K R 4 | 18 | K R—K 1 |
| 4 | Kt—K B 3 | 4 | Kt×P | 19 | B—Kt 1 | 19 | Kt—K 2 |
| 5 | P—Q 4 | 5 | P—Q 4 | 20 | R—K R 1 | 20 | Q Kt—Q 4 |
| 6 | B—Q 3 | 6 | Kt—Q B 3 | 21 | Q—Q 2 | 21 | R—K 3 |
| 7 | Castles | 7 | B—K Kt 5 | 22 | B—Kt 5 | 22 | Q R—K 1 |
| 8 | B—K 3 | 8 | B—K 2 | 23 | Q R—K 1 | 23 | B—B 5 |
| 9 | P—B 4 | 9 | Kt—K B 3 | 24 | B×B | 24 | Kt×B ch |
| 10 | Kt—B 3 | 10 | P×P | 25 | K—Kt 3 | 25 | Q—R 3 |
| 11 | B×B P | 11 | Castles | 26 | Q—B 1 | 26 | K Kt—R 4 ch |
| 12 | Q—Q 2 | 12 | B×Kt | 27 | K—R 2 | 27 | Q—B 3 |
| 13 | P×B | 13 | Q—Q 2 | 28 | R—K 4 | 28 | Q×R P ch |
| 14 | K—Kt 2 | 14 | Q R—Q 1 | 29 | Resigns | | |
| 15 | Q R—Q 1 | 15 | Q—B 4 | | | | |

GAME No. 5,311.

Irregular Opening.

| WHITE | | BLACK | | WHITE | | BLACK | |
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| A. R. B. THOMAS | | C. DUFFIELD | | A. R. B. THOMAS | | C. DUFFIELD | |
| 1 | P—Q 4 | 1 | Kt—K B 3 | 16 | P×P | 16 | P—K 5 |
| 2 | Kt—K B 3 | 2 | P—K Kt 3 | 17 | Kt—K 1 | 17 | Kt—K B 3 |
| 3 | P—B 4 | 3 | B—Kt 2 | 18 | B—Q B 4 | 18 | Kt—Kt 5 |
| 4 | Kt—B 3 | 4 | Castles | 19 | Q R—Kt 1 | 19 | B—Q 5 |
| 5 | P—K 4 | 5 | P—Q 3 | 20 | Kt—Q 1 | 20 | P—B 5 |
| 6 | B—K 2 | 6 | Kt—B 3 | 21 | P—K R 3 | 21 | Kt—K 4 |
| 7 | Castles | 7 | P—K 3 | 22 | B—B 3 | 22 | Kt—B 4 |
| 8 | B—Kt 5 | 8 | P—K R 3 | 23 | B×B | 23 | Kt×B |
| 9 | B—Q 2 | 9 | P—K 4 | 24 | Q—B 3 | 24 | Kt (K4)—B 6 ch |
| 10 | P—Q 5 | 10 | Kt—K 2 | 25 | Kt×Kt | 25 | Kt×Kt ch |
| 11 | P—Q Kt 4 | 11 | Kt—K 1 | 26 | K—R 1 | 26 | Q—R 5 |
| 12 | Q—Kt 3 | 12 | P—K B 4 | 27 | B—B 1 | 27 | B×R P |
| 13 | P—B 5 | 13 | K—R 2 | 28 | P×B | 28 | R—Kt 1 |
| 14 | K R—B 1 | 14 | Q P×P | 29 | Resigns | | |
| 15 | K P×P | 15 | Kt P×P | | | | |

GAME No. 5,312.

Ruy Lopez.

| WHITE | | BLACK | | WHITE | | BLACK | |
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| W. H. WATTS. | | G. W. MOSES | | W. H. WATTS | | G. W. MOSES | |
| 1 | P—K 4 | 1 | P—K 4 | 15 | Kt—K B 3 | 15 | Q—Kt 3 |
| 2 | Kt—K B 3 | 2 | Kt—Q B 3 | 16 | K—R 1 | 16 | Q R—K 1 |
| 3 | B—Kt 5 | 3 | P—Q R 3 | 17 | P—Q 4 | 17 | Q—Kt 6 |
| 4 | B—R 4 | 4 | Kt—B 3 | 18 | Q—Q 2 | 18 | Kt×P |
| 5 | Castles | 5 | B—K 2 | 19 | Q×Kt | 19 | R—K 7 |
| 6 | P—Q 3 | 6 | P—Q 3 | 20 | R—K Kt 1 | 20 | B×B |
| 7 | P—K R 3 | 7 | B—Q 2 | 21 | Q×B | 21 | Q×Kt |
| 8 | P—B 3 | 8 | Castles | 22 | Q—R 4 | 22 | B—Kt 6 |
| 9 | Kt—R 2 | 9 | P—Q 4 | 23 | Q—Q 4 | 23 | Q—B 4 |
| 10 | P×P | 10 | Kt×P | 24 | R—Q 1 | 24 | B—K 4 |
| 11 | P—K B 4 | 11 | Kt×K B P | 25 | Q—K R 4 | 25 | R—K 5 |
| 12 | B×Kt | 12 | P×B | 26 | Q—Q 8 | 26 | R—K 8 ch |
| 13 | R×P | 13 | B—Q 3 | 27 | Resigns | | |
| 14 | R—B 1 | 14 | Q—Kt 4 | | | | |

Game No. 5,294.—Dr. A. Crook, Norwich, points out that White could have won quickly by 41 R×P ch, K×R; 42 B×P ch, and Black has no satisfactory reply.

Game No. 5,295.—The diagram on p. 428 should show a Black Queen on Black's K 3 square.

Game No. 5,296.—Mr. F. N. Braund, Newport, I.W., points out that Black could have won by 34... R—Q 7.

PROBLEM WORLD.

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BRITISH CHESS PROBLEM SOCIETY.

The sixth annual general meeting of the Society took place on Saturday, 25th October, at St. Bride's Institute, London, E.C., when the secretary's Report and treasurer's Accounts were found to be very satisfactory, the Society entering their seventh year with better prospects than before. Thanks were cordially voiced to Dr. C. Planck for his generous donation to the prize fund of the Fourth International Problem Tourney, to H. D'O. Bernard for presenting to the Society a duplicate "demonstration" board and men to match the handsome set given by Mr. Walpole two years ago as also for his contribution towards the cost of printing the New Rules, to Mr. Clarke for the artistic sketch he made, and had framed, of the Championship problems for exhibition in the Society's room, and to the sub-committee for their excellent work in revising the old Rules which were found from experience to need various changes and modifications. The following officers were elected: President, B. G. Laws; vice-president, Dr. C. Planck; hon. treasurer, H. D'O. Bernard; hon. auditor, R. E. Shawcross; hon. librarian, W. J. Clarke; hon. secretary, G. W. Chandler; assistant hon. secretaries, Messrs. W. E. Lester and D. Pirnie, the latter taking the place of C. G. Watney, who unfortunately retires from the post through other calls upon his time to the regret of his colleagues, which was also signified at the meeting by all present. Other business was carried out to the satisfaction of the assembly.

The Society invite problem composers and solvers to become members. W. E. Lester, 104 Clapham Road, Victoria Park, London, E.9, will be pleased to furnish required information on receipt of a postcard.

FOURTH INTERNATIONAL THREE AND FOUR-MOVE TOURNEY, 1925.

The Tourney will be in two sections, and is open to all composers throughout the world. Each competitor may enter not more than three problems in the four-move section, and two in the three-move section. Joint compositions may be entered, but will be reckoned as an entry from each composer.

Entries must be original, unpublished direct mates. They must be on diagrams, with full solutions appended, and name and address of composer on back, and must reach Mr. D. Pirnie, 10 Northwood Road, Highgate, London, N.6, by March 31st, 1925.

The prizes will be 60/-, 40/- and 20/- in the four-move section and 40/-, 25/- and 15/- in the three-move section. Special prizes of 20/- and 15/- are offered for the best strategic problem in four and three moves respectively. Hon. Mentions will be given at the discretion of the judges, who will also have power to recommend book prizes in addition to the cash prizes mentioned above.

The judges will be Dr. Niels Höeg, of Copenhagen, and Mr. C. H. Brockelbank, of Shoreham.

Competing problems will become the property of the British Chess Problem Society, and a selection of them will be used for the purpose of a Solving Tournament prior to the publication of the award.

A copy of the award will be sent to each competitor.

B.C.P.S. SECOND ANNUAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT.

The Tourney is open to members and fellows of the B.C.P.S. It will be held in three sections, for two, three and four-movers. Competitors may enter as many problems as they please in each section, but it is hoped that they will refrain from entering more than two in each section unless in doubt as to which to enter. Joint compositions will be allowed.

Each entry must have been published under the author's name during the calendar year, 1924, and corrected versions of previously unsound problems will be eligible provided they fulfil this condition. Entries may have been published in any part of the world. The Committee reserve to themselves the right to include in this tournament any problems they may think fit even though the problem may not have been entered by its composer. Entries should be on diagrams with full solutions appended, and name and address of composer, with source and date of publication on back.

Entries should reach Mr. G. W. Chandler, "Leylands," Mulgrave Road, Sutton, Surrey, by February 28th, 1925.

There will be no prizes, but the three best problems will be suitably diagrammed and framed for permanent exhibition in the Society's room.

The adjudication will be in the hands of a jury empanelled from among the leading composers in the British Isles.

The Dutch Chess Association announces problem Tourneys for two and three movers published during 1924 in the *Tidschrift van de Nederland Schaakbond*. Prizes : 2-movers, 10 and 5 florins ; 3-movers, 15 and 7½ florins. Judges : A. van der Ven and L. A. Kuylers. Prizes are also offered for Self Mate and "Fairy" problems which will be judged by Dr. N. Kovács. Address J. Hartong, Nathenserslaan 17 Rotterdam, Holland.

SELF-MATES.

The following is a very interesting extract from a letter we have received from our esteemed contributor G. F. Anderson of Sheringham, the author of a number of excellent Self-Mates and *The Adventures of my Chessmen*, published a few months ago. The remarks were prompted, as is explained, by the award of the Judges in the British Chess Problem Society's Three-move Self-Mate Tourney.

Touching the B.C.P.S. Self-Mate Tourney Award I am very glad to see that you have stressed the importance of the economical use of Black force, though many of the problems figuring in the award are disappointing in this respect. Even G. Heathcote's problem employs a Black Knight which makes but "one solitary raid into the play," and his Black Rook does less even than this. Now since it is uneconomical to use a Black man which makes but one solitary "raid" into the play, it must be still more uneconomical to use Black pieces (distinct from Pawns) which are but idle spectators in the play and Mates.

We are thus in a position to propound this doctrine of the Economical Use of Black Pieces in Self-Mates, and it is nothing more than this, namely, that every Black Piece in a Self-Mate should participate in the play and mates in all phases of the solution.

The truth of this is at once apparent. If, for the moment, all of the Black Pieces (Pawns excepted) fail to take part in the play and Mates, some of them are pretty sure to deteriorate into being either solitary raiders or (which is worse) idle spectators, thus violating the principle enunciated by the Judges.

As a corollary to the foregoing it is abundantly clear that a large Black force in a Self-Mate tends to be uneconomical, for the simple reason that it is almost impossible to handle a large Black force so that each of its members participates in every phase of the solution. There are bound to be "solitary raiders" or "idle spectators."

We may carry the argument one stage further; and assert that the economical use of Black men in a self-mate depends upon the use of a small Black force, the members of which are neither "solitary raiders" nor "idle spectators," but each participate in all phases of the solution and mates.

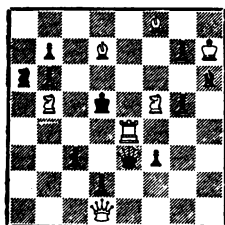
I hope that you will continue to emphasize this matter of the Black Economy in self-mates. I predict a time will come when the old-fashioned theories will be finally discarded, and the Self-Mate of the future, evolved in strict obedience to the economic laws described above, will contain but three or four Black pieces in addition to the Black King, each of which will give a different model mate in as many different variations. The Self-Mate as regards economy will then be on a par with its brother, the Bohemian 3-er.

The Grantham Journal Two-move Tourney.—We have been requested to remind composers that the last date for receipt of entries is the 29th of this month. We gave particulars in September. Communications should be addressed: Chess Editor, *Journal* Offices Grantham.

"CESKEHO SLOVA" PROBLEM TOURNEY.

First Prize.

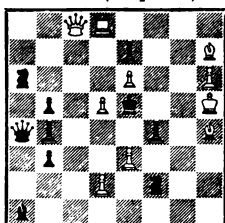
By L. KNOTEK.
BLACK (11 pieces)



WHITE (7 pieces)
Mate in three.

Second Prize.

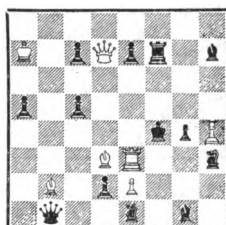
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Dr. E. PALKOSKA.
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WHITE (10 pieces)
Mate in three.

Third and Fourth Prizes.

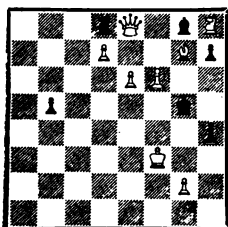
By M. HAVEL.
BLACK (13 pieces)



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Third and Fourth Prize.

By K. TRAXLER.
BLACK (6 pieces)



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Mate in three.

Fifth Prize.

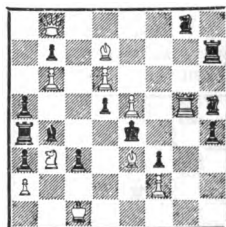
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BLACK (9 pieces)



WHITE (5 pieces)
Mate in three.

Sixth Prize.

By N. K. MALAKHOV.
BLACK (13 pieces)



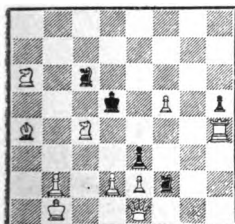
WHITE (11 pieces)
Mate in three.

Hon. mentions : V. Kosekand, L. Vetesnik, L. Prokes, M. Havel O. Nemo, K. A. L. Kubbel and L. B. Salkind. The judges were J. Chocholous, Dr. K. Musilem and J. Gentnerem.

"NATAL MERCURY" 1920 PROBLEM TOURNEY.

First Prize.

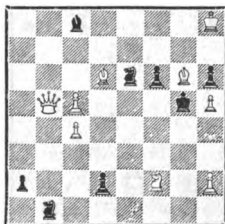
By K. TRAXLER.
BLACK (5 pieces)



WHITE (10 pieces).
Mate in three.

Second Prize.

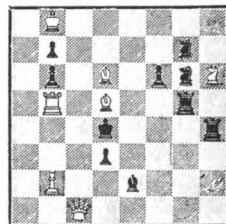
By A. ELLERMAN.
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WHITE (9 pieces)
Mate in three.

Third Prize.

By K. TRAXLER.
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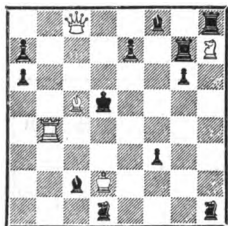


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First and Second Prize.

By M. HAVEL.

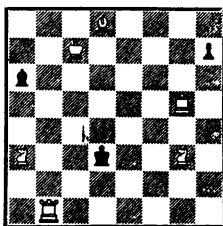
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Mate in four.

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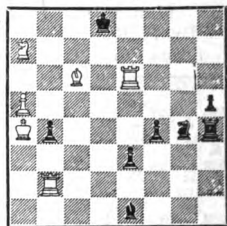
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WHITE (6 pieces)
Mate in four.

Third Prize.

By Dr. E. PALKOSKA.

BLACK (8 pieces)

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Mate in four.

Hon. mentions: Three-movers, J. Cumpe; Four-movers, A. Ellerman. The judge was C. A. L. Bull.

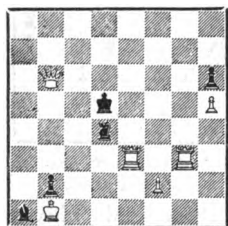
GOOD COMPANION CHESS PROBLEM CLUB.

March, 1924.

First Prize.

By T. SALAMANCA.

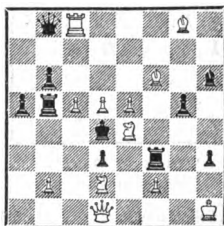
BLACK (5 pieces)

WHITE 6 (pieces)
Mate in two.

First Prize.

By J. PALUZIE.

BLACK (10 pieces)

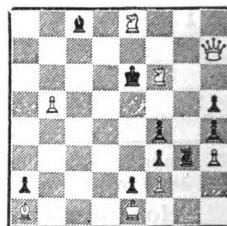
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April, 1924.

First Prize.

By J. A. ERSKINE.

BLACK (9 pieces)

WHITE (8 pieces)
Mate in three

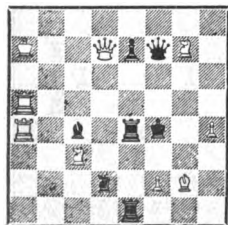
LUIGI CENTURINI CHESS CIRCLE THIRD TOURNEY.

(L' Alfiere di Re)

First Prize.

By J. RIETVELD.

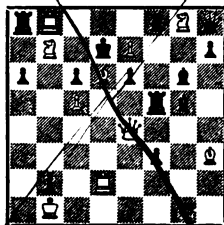
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Mate in two.

C. Second Prize.

By A. MARI.

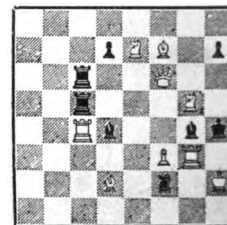
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Mate in two.

Third Prize.

By A. MARI.

BLACK (8 pieces)

WHITE (9 pieces)
Mate in two.

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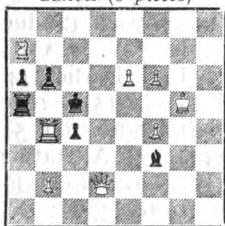
The Western Morning News and Mercury Half-yearly Competition.

The following two-movers were adjudged the best contributed to this paper from January to June, by H. D'O Bernard. The third prize was awarded to a joint composition by M. Niemeijer and L. Schor.

First Prize.
By J. CAUVEREN.

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BLACK (6 pieces)

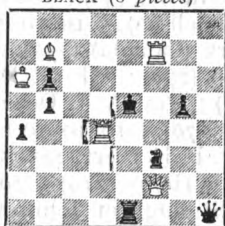


WHITE (8 pieces)

Mate in three.

Second Prize.
By T. M. STOTT.

BLACK (8 pieces)



WHITE (5 pieces)

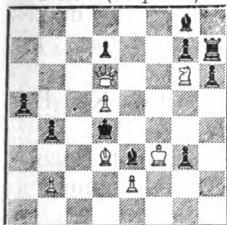
Mate in three.

Morning Post Three-move Problem Tourney.—This competition, the particulars of which we gave last February, was instituted by the late Mrs. W. J. Baird. The award of the Judge, Dr. J. Schumer, is shown in the following six problems. Two others by A. H. Goultz and a joint composition by C. S. Kipping and B. J. de C. Andrade were also honourably mentioned.

First Prize.
By G. HEATHCOTE.

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BLACK (10 pieces)

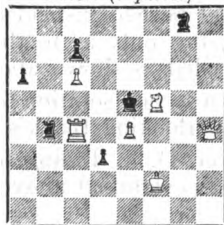


WHITE (7 pieces)

Mate in three.

Second Prize.
By K. TRAXLER.

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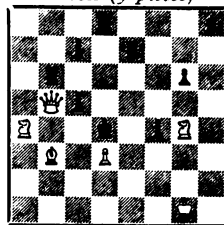


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Mate in three.

Third Prize.
By B. J. de C. ANDRADE.

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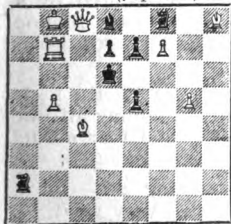


WHITE (6 pieces)

Mate in three.

First Hon. Mention.
By P. S. MILNER-BARRY.

BLACK (7 pieces)

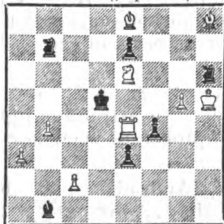


WHITE (8 pieces)

Mate in three.

Second Hon. Mention.
By A. W. DANIEL.

BLACK (7 pieces)

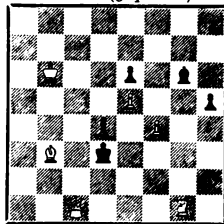


WHITE (9 pieces)

Mate in three.

Third Hon. Mention.
By C. D. LOCOCK.

BLACK (5 pieces)



WHITE (6 pieces)

Mate in three.

SOLVERS' SCORE "LADDER" COMPETITION.

Problems (September) 2,483 to 2,486 inclusive.

*J. A. Allcock (30) ; Dr. R. Tennant Bruce (380) 5-10-0-10 (405) ; †A. T. Cannell (0) 5-10-10-10 (35) ; J. Chadwick (Sydney) (100) ; R. W. Clark (Canada) (755) 5-10-0-10 (780) ; *W. H. Cutland (135) 5-10-10-10 (170) ; **F. J. Dennis (435) ; J. C. Derlien (435) 5-10-10-10 (470) ; Rev. A. T. Dean (270) ; G. Fegent (715) 5-10-0-0 (730) ; *C. Folley (170) 5-10-10-10 (205) ; **Albert Haddy (60) 5-10-10-10 (95) ; **W. F. Herbert (425) 5-10-10-10 (460) ; J. A. Hatherill (225) ; Rev. F. O'D Hoare (210) 5-10-10-10 (245) ; A. Galbraith (0) 5-0-0-0 (5) ; †G. Stillingfleet Johnson (335) 5-10-10-10 (370) ; N. V. Joshi (Pusa, India) (225) ; **Frederick Lee (545) 5-10-10-10 (580) ; *J. A. Lewis (100) 5-10-10-10 (135) ; *Hubert Lees (Auckland) (225 + 30 July and 30 Aug. = 285) ; T. W. R. Leistikow (220) 5-10-10-10 (255) ; **Rev. N. Munro (240) 5-10-10-10 (275) ; R. J. Minns (600) ; D. Murray (230) 5-10-10-0 (255) ; Johannes Nielson (745) 5-10-10-10 (780) ; **A. Peacock (410) ; T. Rosenfeld (265) ; *R. G. Thomson (455) 5-10-10-10 (490) ; *O. L. Telling (Monte Carlo) (810) 5-10-10-10 (845) ; "Tiro" (Ribe, Denmark) (135 + 30 August = 165) 5-10-10-10 (200) ; R. G. Tyzack (75 + 10 August = 85) ; Rev. E. Wells (785) 5-10-10-0 (810) ; M. E. L. Wills (Gibraltar) (55) ; *W. A. Way (Malay States) (205).

A. T. Cannell claims a correct solution to No. 2,472. This means his total last month would be 820 instead of 815. It really makes little difference in points, but only as to the credit of solving ; his 820 is of course now cancelled as shown above.

R. G. Tyzack suggests a second solution to No. 2, 477 by 1 Kt—B 7 ch, B×Kt ; 2 Q—K 8, overlooking Black's reply of Kt—B 3.

Our Monte Carlo solver, O. L. Telling tops the September score Table with 845 points and is signified above in the usual manner.

SOLUTIONS.

No. 2,483, by J. M. Holford.—1 Q—B 5. A pretty idea introduced by a brilliant key, which is, however, rather suggested by the position of the Bishop at Kt 8. The author is only fifteen years of age, and we consider his work shows much promise.

No. 2,484, by M. Bukofzer.—1 B—K 2. If 1..., K×Kt ; 2 P—B 4 ! If 1..., K—Q 3 ; 2 K Kt—K 7 ch. An attractive light-weight containing all one can expect in a "lone-King" problem—good key, quiet play and four model mates.

No. 2,485, by B. J. de C. Andrade.—1 B—R 4, threatening 2 B—Kt 3. If 1..., K—Q 3 ; 2 B—Kt 3. If 1..., Kt—Q 3 ; 2 Q—K 7 ch. Very good so far as it goes. The key and quiet continuations are not too easy. It is noteworthy that the distant White Knight comes into each of the four models.

No. 2,486, by H. Weenink.—1 B—B 8, threatening 2 Q×R ch. If 1., P—K 5; 2 Kt—B 6 ch. If 1., B—K 5; 2 Kt×P ch. If 1., B×R; 2 P×B. If 1., P×Kt; 2 R×P ch. A brilliant strategic problem embodying the elements of a complex modern two-mover in artistic three-move form. A half-pin idea, combined with unpinning and cross-checks, is admirably rendered with model mates in the two leading lines. The sacrificial threat, and the block position arising after 1., B×R are also good features. The key piece is cleverly restricted to one square.

By G. Heathcote (p. 433).—1 Q—Q 6, P—Q 5; 2 Q—Q 7 ch, K—B 3; 3 K—K 4 dis ch. If 1., Kt×Q; 2 K—Kt 3 dis ch, K—K 5. 3 R—B 4 ch, If 1., P×P 2 Kt—K 3 ch, K—Kt 4; 3 Q—K 5 ch.. If 1., Others; 2 Q—B 4 ch, P×Q; 3 B×Kt ch.

By P. F. Blake (p. 433).—1 R—Q Kt 3, P—Q 8 (becomes Queen or Rook); 2 R—Q 3 ch, Q or R×R; 3 B×Kt ch. If 1., Kt or Q×B; 2 Q—B 3 ch, K—K 5; 3 Q—B 4 ch. If 1., Q—R 4; 2 R×B ch, P×R; 3 B×Kt ch. If 1., Kt—B 4 ch; 2 Kt×Kt ch, K—K 5; 3 Q—B 4 ch. If 1., Others; 2 Q×P ch, K—B 5; 3 B—B 7 ch.

By K. A. L. Kubbel (p. 433).—1 P—Kt 6, R×B ch; 2 K—Q 6 dis ch, R—K 4; 3 Q×P ch. If 1., Q—R 6; 2 Kt—R 6 dis ch; Q—Kt 5; 3 Q×P ch. If 1., R—Kt 8 or Others; 2 K—B 5 dis ch, K—B 6; 3 Kt—K 3 dis ch.

By E. E. Westbury (p. 434).—1 Kt—B 5, P×Kt; 2 B—R 6, P—Kt 3; 3 Q—Q 2. If 1., Others; 2 Q×R P, Any; 3 Q—B 1 ch or Kt 2 ch accordingly.

By C. A. L. Bull (p. 434).—1 Kt—Q 5, P×P; 2 Q—R 1, K—B 4; 3 Kt—Q 3 ch. If 1., P—K 4; 2 Kt—B 3, P—K 5; 3 Kt—K 2 ch. If 1., P—K 3; 2 B—R 7 ch, K—K 4; 3 Kt—Q 3 ch. Unfortunately as pointed out to us by W. H. Thompson, this Self-Mate is solved also by 1 Q—R 5, K—B 4; 2 Q—R 7 ch K—Kt 5; 3 Kt—Q 3 ch. If 1., P moves; 2 Kt—K 2 ch, K—B 4; 3 Kt—Q 3 ch. J. A. J. Drewitt also sends this cook as well as a second commencing with 1 Q—R 6.

By C. A. L. Bull (p. 434).—1 R—Q 1, P×Kt (Queens) or B P Queens; 2 K—K 3 dis ch, Q×P; 3 Kt—B 4 ch. If 1., P—B 8 (becomes Knight); 2 Kt—B 3 ch, K—K 4; 3 Q—Q B 5 ch. If 1., P×Kt (becomes Knight); 2 Kt—B 4 ch, P×Kt; 3 Q—B 4 ch. If 1., P—Kt 5; 2 Q×Kt ch; 3 B—Q 4 ch. If 1., Q×B; 2 Q—Q 7 or 8 ch, K—B 4; 3 Q—Q 4 ch. If 1., Others; 2 K—B 3 dis ch, K—K 4; 2 K—Kt 4 dis ch.

By J. H. Blackburne (p. 435).—1 R—B 7, B×R; 2 Kt—Q 7 ch. If 1., B×Kt; 2 R—B 7. If 1., K×Kt; 2 B—Q 4 ch. If 1., K—B 5; 2 Kt×ch. If 1., B—K 2; 2 B—Q 4 ch.

By J. H. Blackburne (p. 435).—1 Q—Kt 2, B×Q; 2 B—B 3. If 1., K—K 5; 2 Q—Q 4 ch. If 1., R—B 5 or R×P; 2 Q or R×B ch. If 1., Others; 2 Q or B—B 2 ch.

By J. H. Blackburne (p. 435).—1 Q—K R 7, K×R; 2 Q—R 7. If 1., K—B 6; 2 Q—Kt 1.

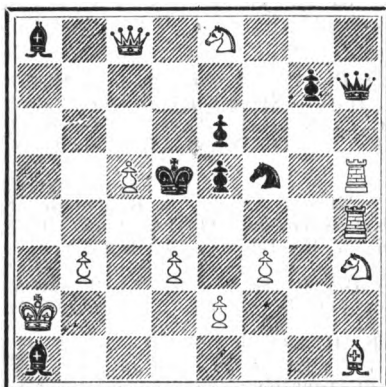
By J. H. Blackburne (p. 435).—1 R—K 3, B×R; 2 R—K 1! K—K 4 (If 2., B—B 8; 3 R—K Kt 1. If 2., B—B 7; 3 Kt×P ch); 3 Kt×P. If 1., B×P; 2 R—K 6, B×B or B—Kt 4 (If 2., B—B 3; 3 R×B. If 2., B—B 7; 3 Kt×P ch); 3 R—Q 1. If 1., B—K 8; 2 R×B, P×R; 3 R—KKt, If 1., P×R; 2 K×P.

Kenneth S. Howard of Rochester, N.Y., draws our attention to the omission of an important variation in the solution we gave of C. Kainer's three-mover at page 391, namely, 1., B—Q 8; 2 B—Q 7 which leads to a third model mate. Although we saw this line when solving the problem, it was overlooked when transcribing the solution. This additional play naturally greatly improves the position.

ORIGINAL PROBLEMS.

No. 2,491. **T**By B. J. de C. ANDRADE
(London).

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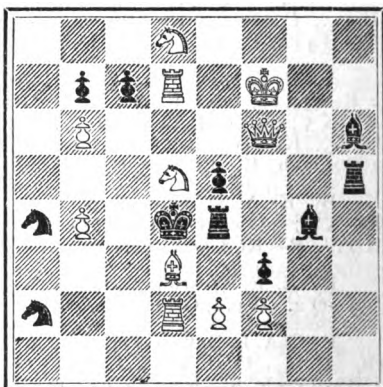


WHITE (12 pieces)

White mates in two moves.

No. 2,492. **C**By E. MILLINS
(Northenden).

BLACK (11 pieces)



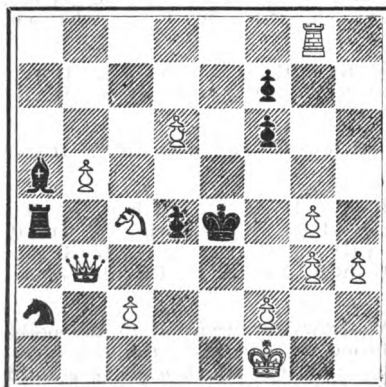
WHITE (11 pieces)

White mates in two moves.

No. 2,493.

By G. F. ANDERSON
(Sheringham).

BLACK (7 pieces)



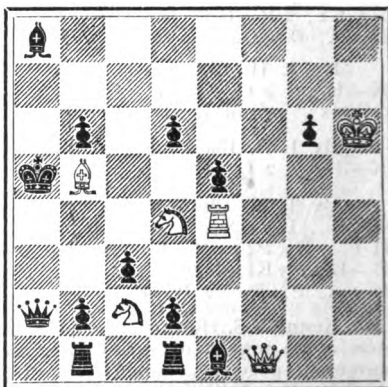
WHITE (11 pieces)

White mates in three moves.

No. 2,494.

By F. SIMHOVICI.
(Roumania).

BLACK (13 pieces)



WHITE (6 pieces)

White mates in three moves.

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CHESS IN THE *HARLEIAN MISCELLANY*.

There can now be read in Mr. Henry Savage's selection from the *Harleian Miscellany* (Cecil Palmer), *A Letter from a Minister to his Friend concerning the Game of Chess*, reprinted from a broad-side of 1680. This is an extraordinarily well written pamphlet against over indulgence in chess-playing, containing a preamble, ten reasons for abandoning play, and a conclusion. The author explains that the practice of chess is inexpedient, at any rate for himself, and, by implication, for most others, though lawful, and, for some, even needful. But he gives the game really noble praise. "This Game of Chess . . . may be the most ingenious and delightful that ever was invented. Others seem to be calculated for children, this for men ; in most others there is much of contingency, in this there is nothing but art."

Here are three of the ten reasons :—

" I. It is a great time-waster. How many precious hours (which can never be recalled) have I profusely spent in this game ! O Chess, I will be avenged of thee for the loss of my time ! It is a true saying, ' that it is more necessary thriftiness to be sparing and saving of time than of money.' One offered on his deathbed a world of wealth, for an inch of time ; and another, with great earnestness cried out, when she lay a-dying, ' Call time again ! Call time again ! ' This I heard, says a worthy minister, and I think the sound of it will be in my ears so long as I live."

" III. It hath not done with me, when I have done with it. It hath followed me into my study, into my pulpit ; when I have been playing or preaching, I have (in my thoughts) been playing at chess ; then I have had, as it were, a chess-board before my eyes ; then I have been thinking how I might have obtained the stratagems of my antagonist, or make such and such motions to his disadvantage ; nay, I have heard of one who was playing at chess in his thoughts (as appeared by his words) when he lay a-dying."

" IV. It hath caused me to break many solemn resolutions ; nay, vows and promises. Sometimes I have obliged myself, in the most solemn manner, to play but so many mates at a time, or with any one person ; and anon I have broken these obligations and promises . . ."—B.G.B.

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CHESSPLAYERS.

I do not know that it has ever occurred to our psychologists, or even to our humorists, to analyse the mannerisms of chessplayers ; yet a study of the different types of " wood-shifters " one faces across the board has its interesting and also its amusing side.

Firstly, there is the truculent and aggressive player whose whole manner indicates his determination to annihilate his opponent's pieces, and who seems to cherish against the hostile pieces, and even against their manipulator, a personal animus. Such an one, when it is his turn to move, slams down his piece with a sharp jerky movement, punches the knob of the clock as if it were his desire to knock it off the table, and then sits back with an air of triumph, as who should say, " There sir ! Find a reply to that if you can, — you ! "

Contrasted with this type of player is the quiet and furtive mover, who, with a sly smile, takes hold of a piece as if it were a delicate and valuable object of art, and silently, gently, slides it to its new position in a manner so sinister that one feels convinced that this apparently harmless move is a masterpiece of satanic subtlety.

And who has not met at some time or another the (apparently) confirmed pessimist, the man who sits down to a game with some such remark as " I know what I'm in for, and that's a sound licking ! " and who observes each move of his adversary with an appearance of consternation, " now what has he gone *there* for ? " he murmurs, in a puzzled and uneasy tone. Beware of this type of player : he usually contrives to win ! Encouraged by his apparent dejection, as likely as not you will become over-confident and risk a combination just not quite sound ; he will still look unutterably surprised, and will murmur, " Well ! 'pon my soul it almost looks a · if . . . " as he makes the winning move.

Again, there is the silent, impassive player, who sits opposite to you as if in a trance ; he moves slowly, solidly, and with a deadly accuracy. If he is a smoker—and he usually is—he discharges puffs of smoke from his mouth with a monotonous and insistent regularity, for all the world as if he were a machine set to do the regulation number of moves per hour, and worked by steam.

Finally, there is the facetious player, the humorist of the club, who interpolates playful remarks : " Oh, so you're going there, are you ! " or perhaps, ironically, " Ah ! Subtle ! Very subtle ! " This last I always find secretly a little gratifying ; but on the other hand it is somewhat disconcerting when a move which I modestly consider to have its points is greeted with " Now isn't he a funny man ! "

One thing at least may be urged in the chessplayer's favour : he does not, as does the golfer, enthuse in public. Often enough in a train or public place one hears such a remark as " Holed out in two on the ninth yesterday ! " but who is there who can lay claim to having seen a man dig a friend in the ribs and say with a chuckle, " Won a Ruy Lopez from Smith yesterday ; mated on the twentieth ! " No, on behalf of the chessplayers I ' venture to submit, ' as the lawyers say, that they are not an aggressive class.

K.L.S.

ANALYTICAL CAUSERIE.

The following opening moves were played in the Hampstead championship between M. E. Goldstein and A. Wilson.

WHITE

BLACK

1 P—Q 4

White is not yet prepared to admit the contention that Kt—K B 3 followed by P—Q B 4 and a double fianchetto development of the Bishops is the *only* correct opening.

1 Kt—K B 3

.....In consonance with modern views; but 1... P—Q 4 and if 2 P—Q B 4, P—Q B 3! attacking White's weak point Q B 4, owing to the threat P×P followed by P—Q Kt 4, has many points in its favour.

2 P—Q B 4

In accordance with the principle of ignoring the development of the minor pieces as long as practicable; besides, the King's Knight may find a useful square on K 2 later on.

3 Kt—Q B 3

2 P—K 3

4 P—Q 5

3 P—B 4

4 P—Q Kt 4

.....This is very similar to the famous Blumenfeld Gambit (in which White plays 3 Kt—K B 3 instead of Q B 3), which enjoyed a meteoric popularity in the middle of 1922 before falling into oblivion.

5 Kt×P

Undoubtedly 5 B—Kt 5 followed by P—K 4 is the correct line, yielding the first player a distinct advantage. But White has an aversion to playing "correct" moves.

5 B—R 3!

.....This is new and yet good! It had the noteworthy effect of causing White half an hour's intensive thought at such an early stage of the game.

6 Kt—Q B 3!

Contrary to the classical principles dealing with the movements of developed pieces, and therefore welcome to the heart of a hyper-modern player. The alternative 6 Kt—R 3 would retain the

Gambit Pawn, but White's position after 6... P×P; 7 P×P, P—B 5! does not look attractive. White recollected Tarrasch's adage "it is always dangerous to be a Pawn up in the opening," and took necessary steps to avoid this risk.

6 B×P

7 P—K 4

The natural sequel to the sixth move; White gives up castling in order to maintain his centre.

7 B×B

8 K×B

8 P—Q 3

9 P—K R 4

Desperate measures such as the text-move were uncalled for; but the simple line 9 P—K Kt 3 followed by K—Kt 2, Kt—K 2, R—B 1 and P—P 4 had the serious demerit of absolute soundness!

9 Q Kt—Q 2

10 R—R 3

10 P—K R 3

11 R—K 3

11 P—K 4

12 P—K Kt 3

C'est magnifique, mais ce n'est pas l'échec. It is not obvious at first sight whether White is playing chess or kriegspiel, but the intelligent reader will doubtless come to the conclusion that the latter is far more probable.

White has nevertheless obtained an excellent game. However, he found an opportunity to make five mistakes in the next five moves, realising to the full the truth of Tartakover's epigram* "*The mistakes are already there waiting to be made.*" He will doubtless console himself with Tartakover's further sayings, "*Only a strong player can (and does!) make mistakes*"† and "*Mistakes are often very difficult to find.*"‡

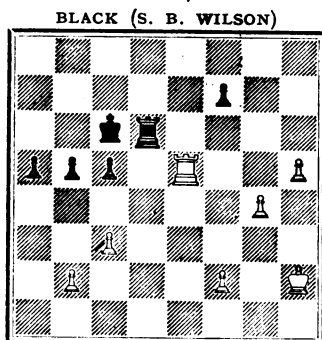
* *Die Hypermoderne Schachpartie*, 1924, by Dr. S. G. Tartakover.

† Presumably, only a weak player can (and does!) make blunders.

‡ The player of White has never experienced any difficulty in this direction, and is prepared to coach Tartakover in the way that he should set to work. He hopes Mr. Lovat Fraser will forgive him for stealing his thunder.

END-GAME.

Played in the tournament for the Canadian championship (see p. 418)



WHITE (M. FOX)

The game was continued :—

52 R—B 5

A little better was 52 P—Kt 5 (threatening 53 R—K 8, followed by Queening the Rook's Pawn); Black cannot reply 52... P—B 3 on account of 53 P—Kt 6, P×R, 54 P—Kt 7, R—Q 1; 55 P—R 6; and wins; he would have therefore to play 52... R—Q 1; then 53 R—B 5 and White has gained time.

53 P×P 52 P—Kt 5
54 R×P 53 R P×P
55 R—B 4 54 P—B 5

Again losing time. 55 R—B 8, K—B 4; 56 R—Q R 8 gives White time to get his own Pawns forward before giving up his Rook for the last Black Pawn. Even 55 R—B 3, R—Q 6; 56 R—B 4 was better than the text-move.

55 K—B 4
56 P—Kt 5 56 R—Q 4
57 R—Kt 4 57 P—B 6
58 P×P 58 P×P

.....58... P—Kt 6 is no good; 59 P—R 6, P—Kt 7; 60 P—R 7, P Queens; 61 P Queens, and as the Black Queen has no checks White wins easily.

59 R—Kt 3

Still losing time; the right course is, as in the last note, to advance the Rook's Pawn; should Black retreat his Rook to stop it then 60 R—Kt 1 wins.

59 K—B 5
60 R×P ch

Even now the advance of the Rook's Pawn would win, but with more difficulty. The text-move is the only alternative for winning purposes.

60 K×R
61 P—B 4 61 K—Q 5
62 P—R 6 62 K—K 5
63 P—R 7 63 R—Q 1
64 P—Kt 6 64 K×P

.....This loses; but 64... K—B 6 draws by 65 P—Kt 7, R—Q 7 ch; 66 K—R 3, R—Q 8; 67 K—R 4, K×P; 68 K—R 5, K—B 4; 69 K—R 4, K—B 5, etc.

65 P—R 7 65 R—Q 7 ch
66 K—Kt 1 66 R—Q 8 ch
67 K—B 2 67 Resigns

Game Ending No. 2, November.—The solution of this ending offered by the *Basle Nachrichten*, is, when read in connection with the concluding remark, far from satisfactory. M. Muffang has on several occasions approved himself an amateur of first-class strength, and it is not to be supposed that he would have tamely walked into the very ordinary mate proposed. The solution fails to mention the fact that Black still has the privilege of Castling; he could after 21 R—R 4 play 21... P—Q 4; 22 R—K B 4, Castles; but if he elects not to do that, it is obvious that whenever White plays P×Kt ch, Black must reply ... K—B 2. We suggest to the Chess Editor of the *Basle Nachrichten* that he owes it alike to his readers and to the players to show how White wins in at least the two alternatives proposed above.

REVIEWS.

We have been sent for review *Chess of To-day*, by Alfred Emery, published by Frank Hollings, 7 Great Turnstile, Holborn, W.C.2, price 2/6.

This book should be welcomed by all chessplayers who wish to study the ultra-modern ideas of some of the young present-day masters. Whether these ideas have come to last, upsetting as they do the principles which have been advocated by all writers on the game for the past fifty years, we should not like to predicate, but it is essential that those who take part in matches should know something of these ideas. With fifty games selected from tournaments of the past six years, Mr. Emery, by means of a well-written introduction and notes gives the reader an excellent opportunity of studying the systems of these chess masters.

The book is well printed in clear type, the diagrams also are excellent and the notes to each game fairly adequate. Despite the increased cost of printing and paper since 1914, we think that a cloth cover might have been provided for the half-crown.

We have also received a copy of the third edition of *Beginners' Book of Chess*, by F. Hollings, price 1/-, which has been revised and enlarged. We are glad to see that the author has accepted one or two of our suggestions in our review of the first edition, and as 16,000 copies of this book have been sold, there is little doubt that the beginner, for whom it is written, appreciates the clear way in which Mr. Hollings puts everything which he treats therein.

For anyone starting to learn the game, we cannot imagine any better booklet than this at the price of 1/-, for it gives a great deal of very useful information.

Das Damengambit und Damenbauerspiel, von Kurt Emmrich, pp. 92, paper covers, price 2 gold marks. Published by Walter de Gruyter & Co., Berlin W.10.

This little book, compiled by a well-known Berlin amateur, admirably epitomises the present state of theory regarding the Queen's Gambit, and can be strongly recommended as an economical means of acquiring a sound knowledge of the latest variations in the most important opening on the chess board to-day.

The method adopted by the editor is to give thirty annotated illustrative games taken mainly from tournaments of the last four years, and comprehensive prefatory remarks to each of the main lines of defence. The games have been chosen with care, and afford an interesting insight into the successive advances made by the attack and defence during the post-war period.

We think the title of the book is somewhat of a misnomer, seeing that only four of the games are devoted to the Queen's Pawn Game, and these all commence 1 P—Q 4, P—Q 4. In the next edition of this book we suggest that the editor should consider the advisability of substituting for them some further examples of the 2... P—Q B 3

defence to the Gambit, which has received treatment scarcely commensurate with its position as the most popular defence at the time of writing.

Schachjahrbuch, 1923. Edited by L. Bachmann and published by C. Brügel & Sohn, AUSBACH, pp. x + 364.

This work, to which Herr Bachmann devotes so much time and trouble, is always welcome, and in the latest number we notice several improvements from previous year-books. The paper is of a superior quality, and the subject matter has increased to such an extent that no fewer than 183 games, illustrative of the year's chess, and chosen by the editor with his usual discrimination, find a place in the book.

Among the important tournaments held in 1923, those at Carlsbad and Mährisch-Ostrau take pride of place, and receive adequate treatment. The former, memorable for the entry of two British masters in a continental tournament for the first time since 1914, has 52 pages and 29 games devoted to it; the latter, in which Dr. Em. Lasker made his reappearance, has 41 pages and 23 games.

In addition to the usual account of chess in Germany, there are chapters on the year's activities in Jugo-Slavia, Holland, Italy, England and several other countries. The English section comprises 23 pages, and deals with the tournaments at Liverpool, Margate, Southsea and Hastings.

The remaining contents of the book include 51 of the best prize-winning problems of the year, 5 fine end-game studies, the usual obituary notices and an excellent portrait of Alekhine, with a brief summary of his chess career.

We are confident that purchasers of this book, which is worthy of a place in every chess library, will have no cause to regret their decision.

BRITISH CHESS FEDERATION.

Entries for the Correspondence Tourney 1925 should reach by December 1st, the secretary, Leonard F. Rees, St. Aubyn's, Redhill, Surrey. There are the Championship, First, Second and Third Classes, each class being divided into sections of not more than 7 players, each section being allotted two prizes. The Entrance Fees are £1, 7/6, 5/-, and 2/6 respectively. Each competitor play 6 games in the year.

The County and District Correspondence Championship has attracted 19 entries which necessitates each competing county being represented by 36 players in order to obtain equitable pairing.

A regrettable omission from the Diary of Matches, etc., issued by the B.C.F. was the announcement of the Scottish Congress to be held Easter, 1925, at Edinburgh and Federation Life Members and others interested in this important event should communicate with C. Wardhaugh, hon. secretary, S.C.A., Moray Cottage, Cardross, Dumbartonshire, if they desire information. The Final Match in the English County Championship has been arranged to take place at Oxford, on Saturday, December 13th. Surrey and Warwickshire being the counties interested.

THE BRITISH CORRESPONDENCE CHESS ASSOCIATION.

All communications respecting these pages should be addressed to H. E. Matthews, 37 Anson Street, Monton, Eccles, Manchester. New members will be welcomed at any time and games can always be arranged for them at short notice.

The match against the *Chess Amateur* has resulted in the victory of our opponents. The score is 45—50 with one game still to be adjudicated. We congratulate them on reversing the result of last year's contest. As on that occasion, the lower boards have been the deciding factor; down to board 54 we each scored 27 points. We look forward to a renewal of these contests at an early date.

We shall shortly be compiling the next number of our magazine and we should be glad to receive from members any notable games that have been played in the tourneys, or other items of general interest. Owing to the pressure on our time, some delay in the production is bound to occur, but we hope to have it ready before the end of the month.

We take this opportunity of wishing all our readers a Merry Christmas.

The following game was the only one lost by the winner of Class 1a. It is a tribute, at the same time, to Mr. Gunston's play and the relentless pressure of the Ruy Lopez.

GAME No. 5313.

Ruy Lopez.

| WHITE | | BLACK | | WHITE | | BLACK | |
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| 1 P—K 4 | 1 P—K 4 | 23 R—Q 2 | 23 R—K 2 | | | | |
| 2 Kt—K B 3 | 2 Kt—Q B 3 | 24 P—Kt 3 | 24 Q—Q 2 | | | | |
| 3 B—Kt 5 | 3 P—Q R 3 | 25 K—Kt 2 | 25 Q R—K 1 | | | | |
| 4 B—R 4 | 4 Kt—B 3 | 26 Q—Q 1 | 26 P—Q B 4 | | | | |
| 5 Castles | 5 B—K 2 | 27 P—K B 4 | 27 P—K Kt 3 | | | | |
| 6 R—K 1 | 6 P—Q Kt 4 | 28 Q—B 3 | 28 Q—B 1 | | | | |
| 7 B—Kt 3 | 7 P—Q 3 | 29 P—K Kt 4 | 29 P—K B 4 | | | | |
| 8 P—B 3 | 8 Castles | 30 P—Kt 5 | 30 K—Kt 2 | | | | |
| 9 P—Q 4 | 9 B—Kt 5 | 31 P—R 4 | 31 P—R 3 | | | | |
| 10 B—K 3 | 10 Q—Q 2 | 32 K—Kt 3 | 32 R—R 1 | | | | |
| 11 Q Kt—Q 2 | 11 K R—K 1 | 33 R—K R 1 | 33 R—Q 1 | | | | |
| 12 P—Q R 4 | 12 Kt—Q R 4 | 34 P—R 5 | 34 R P×P | | | | |
| 13 Q P×P | 13 B×Kt | 35 B P×P | 35 R—R 1 | | | | |
| 14 Kt×B | 14 Kt—Kt 5 | 36 P—R 6 ch | 36 K—R 2 | | | | |
| 15 B—K B 4 | 15 Kt×B | 37 R (R 1)—Q 1 | 37 B—Q 1 | | | | |
| 16 Q×Kt | 16 Q P×P | 38 Q—K 3 | 38 B—K 2 | | | | |
| 17 Kt×P | 17 Kt×Kt | 39 B×B | 39 R×B | | | | |
| 18 B×Kt | 18 P—Q B 3 | 40 K—B 4 | 40 R (R 1)—K 1 | | | | |
| 19 P×P | 19 R P×P | 41 R—Q 5 | 41 R—Q B 2 | | | | |
| 20 Q R—Q 1 | 20 Q—R 2 | 42 Q—Q 3 | 42 Q—Kt 2 | | | | |
| 21 B—Q 6 | 21 B—Q 1 | 43 R—Q 7 ch | 43 R—K 2 | | | | |
| 22 P—K 5 | 22 B—Kt 3 | 44 R×R ch | 44 R×R | | | | |
| | | 45 Q—Q 5 | 45 Resigns | | | | |

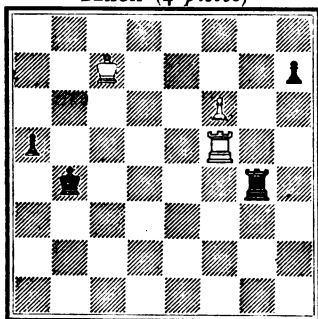
CHESS FOR BEGINNERS

(Continued from page 461)

The solutions of Problems Nos. 169—172 I make as follows:
 No. 169 was 1 P—K 4, P—K 4; 2 Kt—K B 3, Kt—Q B 3; 3 B—Kt 5, P—Q R 3; 4 B—R 4, Kt—B 3; 5 Castles, B—B 4. How should White continue? Probably 6 Kt×P, Kt×Kt; 7 P—Q 4, Kt×P; 8 Q—K 2, B—K 2; 9 Q×Kt, Kt—Kt 3; 10 P—Q B 4, Castles; 11 Kt—B 3. An alternative line might be 6 P—B 3, B—R 2; 7 P—Q 4, Kt×K P; 8 Q—K 2, P—B 4; 9 P×P, Castles; 10 Q Kt—Q 2, P—Q 4; 11 P×P *e.p.* as played by Yates *v.* Alekhine at Hastings, 1922. Problem 170 was 1 P—K 4, Kt—K B 3; 2 P—K 5, Kt—Q 4; 3 P—Q B 4, Kt—Kt 3; 4 P—Q 4, P—Q 3. What is White's best continuation? Here I think the safest is 5 P×P, K P×P; 6 B—Q 3, Kt—Q B 3; 7 Kt—K 2, Kt—Kt 5; 8 Castles, Kt×B; 9 Q×Kt. A more critical variation for both sides is 5 P—B 4, P×P; 6 B P×P, Kt—B 3; 7 B—K 3, B—K B 4; 8 Kt—Q B 3, P—Q 3; 9 B—K 2, Kt—Kt 5; 10 R—Q B 1, but personally I think 3 P—Q B 4 is doubtful, and 3 P—Q 4 followed by Kt—K B 3 is better.

Problem No. 171

BLACK (4 pieces)



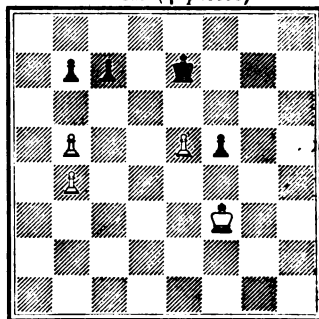
WHITE (3 pieces)

Black to play.

What result and how?

Problem No. 172

BLACK (4 pieces)



WHITE (4 pieces)

White to play.

What result and how?

Problem No. 171 is from a game between Anderssen and Kieseritzky with colours reversed and should have been drawn by 1... P—R 5; 2 P—B 7, R—Kt 2; 3 K—Kt 6, R—Kt 3 ch; 4 K—B 7, R—Kt 2; 5 K—B 6, R×P; 6 R×R, P—R 6 as pointed out by Horwitz, but Anderssen actually resigned.

Problem No. 172.—White plays 1 P—Kt 6, P—B 3; 2 K—K 3, K—B 2; 3 K—B 3, K—Q 2 and draws. If it were Black to play he would win by K—Q 3 even without the Pawn on Q B 2.

On going through the solutions sent in for Problems 165—168 quite a number of solvers gave 7 P—K 5 in 165, but made Black move Q—K 2. I do not think there is any doubt that Q—Kt 3 is much stronger for Black. No. 166—many gave Q—B 2 but overlooked after P—B 7 ch, Q×P, Q—Q 8 ch. No. 167 is a difficult ending

and I do not think I carried the solution far enough. The remaining moves are as follows: 45 R×Kt P, K×P; 46 R×P, K—Q 5; 47 P—B 4, P—B 5; 48 R—K 1, P—B 6; 49 P—B 5, P—B 7; 50 P—B 6, R—R 3; 51 R—KB 1, R×P and wins. Or 47... R—K 4 ch, K—Q 6; 48 R×P, P—B 5; 49 R—R 8, P—B 6; 50 R—Q 8 ch, K—K 6 and wins.

Of course Problem 168 showing the quickest mate, with the best moves on both sides was meant. One or two solvers found mate in seven and eight through not giving Black's best moves. The failure to mate in nine was generally through the first check being Q—K 4 instead of to Kt 6.

The winner this month is "N.M." for the third time on which I heartily congratulate him. Amongst many other solvers he always writes gratefully for the problems and says they have undoubtedly improved his chess-playing powers. The ladder is as follows:—

"N.M." (2), 299, 3, 5, 2, 5, 314; "C.C.X.L.," 295, —, 3, 3, 3, 304; "T.E.S.," 266, 3, 5, 1, 5, 280; "A.W.T.H.," 256, 2, 2, 3, 4, 267; "Delta" (1), 249, 3, 2, 1, 4, 259; "J.A.E." (1), 227, 3, 5, 4, 5, 244; "C.P." (1), 227, 3, 5, 3, 3, 241; "Nemo" (1), 209, 3, 3, 5, 5, 225; "C.J.C." (1), 208, 3, 5, 3, 3, 222; "A.E.S." (1), 205, 3, 5, 4, 5, 222; "J.W.T.," 208, 3, 3, 2, 3, 219; "F.H." (1), 178, 3, —, 4, 4, 189; "Clare," 152, 3, 5, 4, 4, 168; "Tyro" (1), 148, 3, 1, 4, 5, 161; "A.G.A." (2), 137, 3, 5, 4, 4, 153; "Knowsley," 124, 3, 5, 3, 4, 139; "C.G.C.," 103, 3, 5, 4, 3, 118; A. Lockley (1), 99, 3, 5, 1, 4, 112; "L.I.," corrected 90, 3, 5, 3, 5, 106; "Beta," 88, 3, 5, 5, 4, 105; "J.E.D.," 81, 2, 2, 2, 4, 91; "A.A.A." (2), 62, 3, 2, 2, 4, 73; "W.H.C.," 44, —, 3, 2, 4, 53; "Anco," 26, 2, 5, 3, 4, 40; "Pawn," 10, 3, 5, 3, 2, 23; "R.D.D.," 9, 3, 2, 4, 4, 22; "R.W.E." (1), 3, 4, 4, 4, 15; "P.S.G.," 3, —, —, —, 3.

It will be seen that only twenty-eight solvers sent in last month. I feel that this proves my column under this title is losing its appeal to readers. Twenty-eight out of a total of nearly two thousand shows that my time might be better occupied. I should be obliged to readers if they would indicate by letter what they would suggest would be of most service to them to take the place of the pages I have hitherto devoted to "Chess for Beginners." I know of course I shall get varied suggestions as the result of this, but I can act on the majority of votes.

I will give the results of Problems 169—172 in January, together with answers to correspondence.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.—"A.W.T.H."—In 168 Black should endeavour to keep his King in the centre as much as possible. 3... K—Q 4 would be better than K—B 2. In 166 if 1 Q—B 2, P—B 7 ch; 2 Q×P, Q—Q 8 ch! "Anco."—Answer to 165 is not carried far enough. "J.E.D."—The only chance for Black to win in 167 is to give up his King's Bishop's Pawn. You should have given a specimen nine-move mate in 168. "T.E.S."—See answer to "J.E.D." *re* 167. "Clare."—For a long time ten was thought to be the quickest in 168, Black playing the best delaying move, but it was reduced to

nine as per solution on page 461. In 167 I think 4 K—K 6 gives the best chance (see notes above for concluding moves). "Tyro."—I do not like a passive move like 1 K—R 1 for 166. There are many variations of 168, yours is quite good. "A.E.S."—See answer to "Clare" *re* 167. In 165 I think it is better to take the Queen at move 8. "C.J.C."—See last sentence *re* 165. In 167 if 1... R—R 5 White had better move K—K 3 rather than leave his Queen's Rook's Pawn to be taken. In 168 you do not give Black's best moves at several points, 4... K—B 4; 5... K—Kt 5. Mate in nine is the shortest, with best play on both sides. "J.W.T."—In 165 7... Q—Kt 3 is far the best square for the Queen. See reply to "A.W.T.H." *re* 166. Your moves for White in 167 are very weak. See reply to "C.J.C." *re* 168. "C.G.C."—You should have given at least one solution, in full, of 168, otherwise I cannot tell whether you could solve it correctly or not. "A.G.A."—You lose one move through your first in 168. Many thanks for position, but I fear it is too one-sided. "A.L."—I do not at all approve of your first move for Bishop in 167. 1... P—K 5 would be a better try. See answer to "A.G.A." *re* 168. "Pawn."—9 B—K B 4 is a much better place for the Queen's Bishop. In 168 you lose several moves by moving the Queen so often instead of bringing up the King. "J.A.E."—I think you are right if you think your opponent is stronger than yourself, but try and make the exchange when it does not develop your opponent's pieces, that is why 7 P—K 5 is stronger than exchanging at once. "N.M."—I think White would win in your variation of 167. Black must give up a Pawn to get rid of the White King's Bishop's Pawn. Many thanks, shall write for tips before I go away next time. "R.W.E."—You should have deleted your first answer to 166. See answer to "A.G.A." *re* 168. "L.I."—Have corrected score, many thanks. See complete answer to 167 given above. 168—this position used to be considered a mate in ten—but was shortened a move, by the line given. "P.J.G."—Unlike most of my solvers, you choose to answer the one on the openings and leave the others; I hope you will try the others also, if I continue. "D.E.B."—In 168 your first move is at fault. Study the full solution of 167. "W.H.C."—166 would be right were it not for 2... Q—Q 8 ch. "A.A.A."—I do not like 7... Q—K 2 in 165. In 166 you miss 2... Q—Q 8 ch. "Knowsley."—In 165 I prefer P—K 5 at once. There is more difficulty in 167 than your solution shows. Your first move in 168 is not the best, hence ten not nine. "R.D.D."—Much better this time. If you had only tried your second move in 166 for the first you might have seen the mate. Your solution of 167 following 2 R—B 8 is not carried far enough, even I did not do so either, see above. In 168 the Black King should keep in the middle of the board as long as possible. "Nemo."—You carry 165 longer than necessary; as I do not like your first move for Black I haven't studied the rest much. Had you given only one solution to 166 you would have got 4, as you saw the mate. It is a mistake to give two solutions, your first to 167 is excellent; in the second 13 R—R 8 would be much better and I think draw. "C.C.X.L."—Except that you saw 2... Q—Q 8 ch

your solution of 166 is not good. 4.., K—K 6 is much better in 167. "F.H."—See note above *re* 167. In 168 it is only the longest solution that counts; yours is one over the solution owing to the first check not being the best.

I am sorry to have to record the death of the Rev. J. B. Bourne who for a long time was a regular solver of the problems in these pages, but has been too ill for the last three or four months to take part in solving them. He died on November 3rd after a serious heart attack the night before, but had been an invalid for some time and found chess his chief solace during this period.

MONOGRAM GAME.

By C. D. LOCOCK.

(Pawns alone may capture).

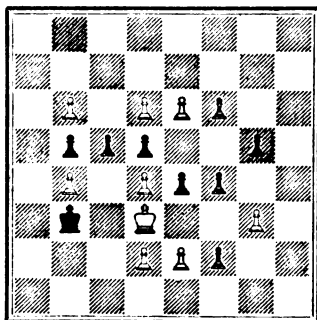
Double-Dutch Opening.

| WHITE | | BLACK | | | |
|---|------------|---------------|----------------|--|--|
| 1 P—K B 4 | 1 P—Q 4 | 20 Kt—Q 4 | 20 P×Kt | | |
| 2 P—Q Kt 4 | 2 Kt—K R 3 | 21 R—B 1 | 21 P×R | | |
| 3 B—Kt 2 | 3 P—K Kt 4 | 22 K—B 2 | 22 Q Kt—Q 5 ch | | |
| 4 Kt—Q R 3 | 4 B—Kt 2 | 23 K—Q 3 | 23 K—Kt 6 | | |
| 5 Q—Kt 1 | | 24 R—B 2 | 24 P—B 4 | | |
| Not only defending the Bishop, but preparing already for his 13th move. | | 25 P×B | 25 R—Q 3 | | |
| | | 26 P×Q R | 26 P—K 4 | | |
| | |At last! | | | |
| 6 Kt—B 4 | 5 B—K 4 | 27 P×K Kt | 27 B—K 3 | | |
| Threatening to win the Bishop. | | 28 P×B | 28 Q—Kt 3 | | |
| | 6 P—K B 3! | 29 B—B 5 | 29 P×B | | |
| 7 B—Q 4 | 7 K—Q 2 | 30 P×Kt | 30 P—K B 5 | | |
| This and the next five moves on both sides are forced. | | 31 P×R | 31 P×R | | |
| 8 P—Q R 4 | 8 K—B 3 | 32 P×Q? | 32 P—K 5 mate | | |
| 9 P—R 5 | 9 K—Kt 4 | | | | |
| 10 R—R 3 | 10 Kt—B 3 | | | | |
| 11 R—K 3 | 11 K—R 5 | | | | |
| 12 P—B 3 | 12 P—Kt 4 | | | | |
| 13 Q—Kt 6 | 13 Kt—B 4 | | | | |
| Black is so taken by surprise that he thinks only of saving the Knight. His next eight moves are all forced. | | | | | |
| 14 K—Q 1 | 14 P×Q | | | | |
| 15 Kt—B 3 | 15 R—R 6 | | | | |
| 16 P—Kt 4 | 16 R—Kt 6 | | | | |
| 17 Kt—Kt 6 ch | 17 R P×Kt | | | | |
| 18 B—R 3 | 18 R—R 3! | | | | |
| 19 B—B 5 | 19 P×B | | | | |

.....Now the slaughter begins.

Forming the monogram "MB" in Kings and Pawns. See diagram. The Kings show the base of the M.

"M.B."



NEWS FROM THE BRITISH ISLES.

Matches in the Southern Counties Chess Union championship.
Played at Bournemouth on October 25th.

| HAMPSHIRE. | | | | DORSETSHIRE. | | | |
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| 1 | J. H. Blake | .. | .. | 1 | E. L. Raymond | .. | .. |
| 2 | H. D. Lloyd | .. | .. | 1 | J. M. Doulton | .. | .. |
| 3 | F. J. H. Elwell | .. | .. | 1 | W. H. Curtis | .. | .. |
| 4 | F. N. Braund | .. | .. | 1 | Capt. P. H. de Marco | .. | .. |
| 5 | C. T. Bennett | .. | .. | 1 | C. E. Scudamore | .. | .. |
| 6 | F. A. Joyce | .. | .. | 1 | W. T. Wilkinson | .. | .. |
| 7 | H. A. Way | .. | .. | 1 | D. H. Napper | .. | .. |
| 8 | A. Hayes | .. | .. | 1 | A. F. Thomas | .. | .. |
| 9 | W. J. Fry | .. | .. | 1 | P. Ward | .. | .. |
| 10 | J. S. West | .. | .. | 1 | G. Hicks | .. | .. |
| 11 | H. D. Osborn | .. | .. | 1 | O. Robbins | .. | .. |
| 12 | E. Clayton, M.A. | .. | .. | 1 | W. J. Ibbett | .. | .. |
| 13 | Rev. E. Wells | .. | .. | 1 | Dr. H. Colman | .. | .. |
| 14 | D. H. H. Wassell | .. | .. | 1 | E. Lambert | .. | .. |
| 15 | A. J. Woodford | .. | .. | 1 | F. W. C. Mitchener | .. | .. |
| 16 | Gen. F. Muspratt | .. | .. | 1 | N. Challenger | .. | .. |
| 11½ | | | | 4½ | | | |

Devon v. Cornwall. Played at Goodbody's Café, Plymouth on November 8th.

| DEVON. | | | | CORNWALL. | | | |
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| 1 | T. Taylor | .. | .. | 1 | H. A. Adams | .. | .. |
| 2 | R. M. Bruce | .. | .. | 1 | S. G. Williams | .. | .. |
| 3 | H. J. Stretton | .. | .. | 1 | J. M. Bear | .. | .. |
| 4 | H. J. H. Cope | .. | .. | 1 | F. D. Bain | .. | .. |
| 5 | F. Pitt Fox | .. | .. | 1 | G. T. Walker | .. | .. |
| 6 | H. V. Mallinson | .. | .. | *1 | R. Broom | .. | .. |
| 7 | H. A. Clarke | .. | .. | 1 | A. Sellon | .. | .. |
| 8 | A. J. Roberts | .. | .. | 1 | L. G. Bird | .. | .. |
| 9 | A. B. Treloar | .. | .. | 1 | Rev. C. J. Harper | .. | .. |
| 10 | Rev. A. Seymour | .. | .. | 1 | E. H. Best | .. | .. |
| 11 | W. F. Friend | .. | .. | 1 | W. E. Grenfell | .. | .. |
| 12 | M. Langdon | .. | .. | 1 | F. Hockham | .. | .. |
| 13 | Rev. J. Smith | .. | .. | 1 | R. H. Martin | .. | .. |
| 14 | W. J. Belam | .. | .. | 1 | G. E. Dobell | .. | .. |
| 15 | J. B. Goodman | .. | .. | 1 | H. T. Robinson | .. | .. |
| 16 | A. Stoneman | .. | .. | 1 | W. H. Foott | .. | .. |
| 13½ | | | | 2½ | | | |

* Adjudicated.

G. Maroczy played five consultation games at Hampstead on October 28th, winning them all, with the assistance of a little good fortune. On November 8th he conducted 17 games simultaneously, and after three and half hours' play no less than 12 remained for adjudication, sufficient indication of the strength of the opposition. The master finally came out with a record of 8 wins and 9 draws. He presented five copies of his recent work on the Hastings tournament of 1924, for the best-played games; these were awarded to T. S. Dawn, E. M. Jellie, A. Knight, A. E. Mercer and J. S. Russell; in addition, W. W. Brougham, W. Eldridge, W. O. Hall and N. Rhys obtained draws.

Gloucester v. Somerset played at Bristol on Saturday, October 25th, 17 boards a-side. Gloucester had White on even-numbered boards.

| GLOUCESTER. | | | | | SOMERSET. | | | | |
|----------------|----------------|----|----|----|---------------------|----|----|----|----|
| 1 | H. P. Parsbo | .. | .. | 0 | C. Duffield | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| 2 | C. Welch | .. | .. | *½ | Capt. P. D. Bolland | .. | .. | .. | *½ |
| 3 | C. Mansfield | .. | .. | 1 | H. Parsons | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 4 | F. Hutchings | .. | .. | ½ | Rev. E. W. Poynton | .. | .. | .. | ½ |
| 5 | D. S. Hole | .. | .. | *½ | R. M. Norman | .. | .. | .. | *½ |
| 6 | C. E. Jackman | .. | .. | 0 | G. Breakmell | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| 7 | S. W. Viveash | .. | .. | *1 | F. R. Hill | .. | .. | .. | *0 |
| 8 | Dr. F. Moerick | .. | .. | *0 | D. Campbell | .. | .. | .. | *1 |
| 9 | H. A. Foxwell | .. | .. | 0 | J. L. Palmer | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| 10 | F. R. Rickman | .. | .. | *0 | L. Vine | .. | .. | .. | *1 |
| 11 | A. W. Martyn | .. | .. | *1 | J. Blair | .. | .. | .. | *0 |
| 12 | J. W. E. Coley | .. | .. | 0 | G. Gordon | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| 13 | A. E. Pryer | .. | .. | 0 | W. Y. Titley | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| 14 | H. Byrnes | .. | .. | 1 | E. G. Rodway | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 15 | P. Gale | .. | .. | 1 | H. E. Pearce | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 16 | W. Arnold | .. | .. | 1 | J. D. Howell | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 17 | C. E. Scutt | .. | .. | *1 | H. Powell | .. | .. | .. | *0 |
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| 8½ | | | | | 8½ | | | | |
| * Adjudicated. | | | | | | | | | |

At the St. Bride's Institute, London, on Saturday, October 25th.

| SURREY. | | | | | | ESSEX. | | | | | |
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| 1 | R. P. Michell | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | W. O. Woodfield | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 2 | H. B. Uber | .. | .. | .. | 1 | E. J. Price | .. | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 3 | R. C. J. Walker | .. | .. | .. | 1 | E. W. Osler | .. | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 4 | W. Gooding | .. | .. | .. | 1 | G. Freeman | .. | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 5 | H. C. Griffiths | .. | .. | .. | 1 | Default | .. | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 6 | L. P. Rees | .. | .. | .. | 1 | F. W. Markwick | .. | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 7 | W. E. Allnutt | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | G. A. Shoobridge | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 8 | F. F. L. Alexander | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | H. A. Melvin | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 9 | G. A. Felce | .. | .. | .. | 1 | A. Maude | .. | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 10 | A. Fletcher | .. | .. | .. | 1 | F. A. Sisley | .. | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 11 | H. G. Felce | .. | .. | .. | 1 | E. W. Hart | .. | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 12 | P. A. Allingham | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | W. H. Taylor | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 13 | W. L. Brierley | .. | .. | .. | 0 | J. G. Hayes | .. | .. | .. | 1 | |
| 14 | A. J. Spencer | .. | .. | .. | 0 | G. A. Thorogood | .. | .. | .. | 1 | |
| 15 | G. Wernick | .. | .. | .. | 1 | E. J. Gibbs | .. | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 16 | Dr. F. St. J. Steadman | .. | .. | .. | 1 | R. H. Bayley | .. | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 12 | | | | | | 4 | | | | | |

A 50-board match in the Amboyna Shield competition, played at the same time, ended in a victory for Surrey by 30 games to 20.

The virility of Lincolnshire Chess Association at the present time must be great. On October 25th they took a team for a friendly match all the way to Nottingham and defeated that Association in its own headquarters by $12\frac{1}{2}$ to $7\frac{1}{2}$. Score:—

| LINCOLNSHIRE. | | | | | | NOTTS. | | | | | |
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| 1 | H. Moss (W.) | .. | .. | .. | 0 | J. W. Broadbent | .. | .. | .. | 1 | |
| 2 | W. H. Watts | .. | .. | .. | 0 | F. J. Hingley | .. | .. | .. | 1 | |
| 3 | J. Brown | .. | .. | .. | 0 | H. V. Hand | .. | .. | .. | 1 | |
| 4 | W. B. Keeling | .. | .. | .. | 1 | G. H. Wells | .. | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 5 | J. H. Todd | .. | .. | .. | 1 | G. E. Argyle | .. | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 6 | A. M. Sparke | .. | .. | .. | 1 | H. Parkin | .. | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 7 | J. Parker | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | J. H. Thornton | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 8 | R. Combes | .. | .. | .. | 1 | W. S. Steeples | .. | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 9 | F. S. Harrison | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | T. E. Wright | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 10 | T. W. Robinson | .. | .. | .. | 0 | H. M. Sheppard | .. | .. | .. | 1 | |
| 11 | E. J. Baldock | .. | .. | .. | 1 | C. I. Fretton | .. | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 12 | J. Hardy | .. | .. | .. | 1 | G. Harvey | .. | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 13 | G. H. Diggle | .. | .. | .. | 1 | H. Holland | .. | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 14 | A. C. Beeson | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | W. T. Haskard | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 15 | J. E. Bond | .. | .. | .. | 1 | S. B. Pickbourne | .. | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 16 | D. Lengden | .. | .. | .. | 1 | E. L. Giordan | .. | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 17 | G. Coley | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | A. Wilson | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 18 | F. White | .. | .. | .. | 1 | W. H. Cunningham | .. | .. | .. | 0 | |
| 19 | H. Meier | .. | .. | .. | 0 | H. W. Histon | .. | .. | .. | 1 | |
| 20 | C. H. Friskney | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | F. Sparke | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ | | | | | | 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ | | | | | |

Messrs. Goldstein and Griffith inform us that all the MS. of the new edition of *Modern Chess Openings* is now in the hands of the printers, and it is hoped that some advance copies may be ready for Christmas.

University of London Chess Club v. Oxford University Chess Club. Played at 7 Cornmarket, Oxford, on October 25th, 1924.

| LONDON UNIVERSITY. | | | | OXFORD UNIVERSITY. | | | |
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| 1 | V. Buerger | .. | .. | 1 | A. H. Crothers | .. | .. |
| 2 | R. F. Goldstein | .. | .. | 2 | A. Oppenheim | .. | .. |
| 3 | L. Klein | .. | .. | 3 | A. W. Stonier | .. | .. |
| 4 | N. F. MacLagan | .. | .. | 4 | N. Baliol Scott | .. | .. |
| 5 | G. E. Mold | .. | .. | 5 | N. F. Jones | .. | .. |
| 6 | T. G. Griggs | .. | .. | 6 | G. S. A. Wheatcroft | .. | .. |
| 7 | J. A. Allcock | .. | .. | 7 | G. R. Mitchell | .. | .. |
| 8 | H. S. Robinson | .. | .. | 8 | E. P. C. Cotter | .. | .. |
| 9 | S. T. Weeden | .. | .. | 9 | H. F. Sutherland | .. | .. |
| 10 | L. Piyamedhi | .. | .. | 10 | K. H. Bancroft | .. | .. |
| 11 | J. H. Bevis | .. | .. | 11 | G. Costigan | .. | .. |
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We have pleasure in giving a portrait of Mr. Ernest H. Best, the hon. secretary of Cornwall Chess Association, who has just been placed on the Commission of the Peace as representative for St. Ives.



This is obviously a very wise action on the part of the authorities for Mr. Best is a most versatile sportsman and has done his share in nearly all the enterprises of his native district. Apart from his chess appointments he is hon. local secretary to the Technical Instruction Committee at St. Ives; Town Councillor and chairman of the Sanitary and Plans Committee; hon. secretary to the St. Ives Swimming Association and Regatta for eleven years; hon. recruiting officer for St. Ives and district during the war until the introduction of the Derby scheme; hon. local commandant of the National Reserve Forces during the war; member of the Advisory Committee during the war under the Derby scheme; member of the National Citizens' Union; Member of the committee of St. Ives

Old Cornwall Society; hon. local school manager.

On the signing of the peace in 1918 he presented St. Ives Town Council with a life-size oil painting by H. Harewood Robinson, J.P. (one of the founders of the St. Ives Art Colony), representing "Peace and Art," and valued at £200.

Mr. Best is most popular among the farming community. A follower of the Western foxhounds for many years, he was known as a fearless rider until his health compelled him to give up this sport. He was president of the Zennor Coursing Club, also of Towednack Races. A member of the Farmers' Union, he was a prize-winner with his Guernsey cows.

Mr. Best is also popular among the fishermen. About twenty-three years ago he opened the "Rose Lodge," and presented the members with a clock, which is still "going strong."

Among the many public meetings addressed by him on the Wharf was one in connection with the National Citizens' Union on the higher railway rates charged to fishermen and farmers for their produce. The meeting was instrumental in getting the rates reduced.

As a member of the Committee of St. Ives Old Cornwall Society he presented them with a glass case containing a collection of old flints, steel bronzes, gun-locks, etc., to form a nucleus for a museum.

He was chairman of the Old Mercantile Association for St. Ives, and Mr. Best (with his colleagues) were instrumental in persuading the G.W.R. Company to make a private road to the station, so that pedestrians could avoid the extraordinary vehicular traffic during the busy fishing seasons.

Mr. Best has been sidesman at St. John's Church for over thirty years, and during the vicariate of the late Rev. R. E. Griffin, he presented the church with an oil painting by W. Eadie, representing St. Paul. This is hung at the east end of the church.

Our best thanks are due to the proprietors of *The Western Echo* for kindly lending us the block-photo which we reproduce.

The Imperial Chess Club were far too strong for the *Referee* team which visited them at 62 Brook Street on November 1st, beating them by 13 to 1.

Lord Dunsany cleverly defeated W. Hatton Ward on board 1, but at board 2 Sir Edgar Wigram was content with a draw *v.* E. Wingrove.

A larger event was Imperial *v.* Lensbury C.C. on October 28th, when a match of 30 boards a-side was drawn at 15 points all. Lensbury Club is an amalgamation of the various Shell-Mex companies and their attractive chess room, fitted out in old English style is both luxurious and comfortable.

We are pleased to notice that an excellent chess column has been started in *The London Review* (formerly known as the *London Programme*) which makes that bright and useful magazine still more interesting. A whole page is given to the game and the editor is Dr. S. F. Smith, the present Canadian champion, a player of great skill and resource at both chess and kriegspiel.

It is some years now since he won the championship of the City of London Chess Club, and he will be heartily welcomed by all his old admirers in his new role as a chess editor.

A very interesting match was played at the Y.M.C.A., Merthyr, on Saturday, October 29th, between the South Wales Chess Association and the Welsh Border League.

It was the first meeting of these two bodies and was no doubt but that it was an unqualified success.

In the absence of the League chairman, H. O. Freeman (owing to ill-health), Mr. Southey, of the *Merthyr Express*, welcomed the visiting team to the town.

Mr. Wight (Penarth), president of the S.W.C.A. acknowledged the same.

The S.W.C.A. has been in existence for thirty years, and the League is of recent growth, being instituted about four years ago.

Twenty-seven boards were engaged and some excellent games resulted. The final scores being, League 16, S.W.C.A. 11. A return match will be played at Cardiff in January.

WELSH BORDER LEAGUE.

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|----|--------------------------|-------|---------------|
| 1 | W. Henley (Brynmawr) | .. | 1 |
| 2 | J. Lewis (Blaina) | | 0 |
| 3 | B. McPherson (Tredegar) | | 0 |
| 4 | A. Williams (Blaina) | | 1 |
| 5 | T. Prout (Brynmawr) | .. .. | 1 |
| 6 | A. E. Grimes (Nantyglo) | .. .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 7 | D. W. Jones (Merthyr) | .. .. | 0 |
| 8 | E. Richards (Blaina) | .. .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 9 | W. Mees (Brynmawr) | .. .. | 0 |
| 10 | E. Roberts (Merthyr) | .. .. | 1 |
| 11 | D. Prescott (Tredegar) | .. .. | 0 |
| 12 | T. Huggins (Blaina) | .. .. | 1 |
| 13 | J. Williams (Merthyr) | .. .. | 0 |
| 14 | J. Plummer (Blaina) | .. .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 15 | W. Yemm (Nantyglo) | .. .. | 0 |
| 16 | H. R. Woodcock (Merthyr) | .. .. | 1 |
| 17 | W. R. Southey (Merthyr) | .. .. | 0 |
| 18 | A. Morgan (Tredegar) | .. .. | 1 |
| 19 | M. Rees (Nantyglo) | .. .. | 1 |
| 20 | T. Thomas (Blaina) | .. .. | 0 |
| 21 | F. Pugh (Nantyglo) | .. .. | 1 |
| 22 | T. Dye (Tredegar) | .. .. | 1 |
| 23 | Phil. Evans (Nantyglo) | .. .. | 1 |
| 24 | C. Williams (Nantyglo) | | 1 |
| 25 | J. L. Davies (Blaina) | | 1 |
| 26 | D. J. Jones (Blaina) | | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 27 | C. Price (Merthyr) | | 1 |

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SOUTH WALES CHESS ASSOCIATION.

| | | |
|-----------------------------|-------|---------------|
| A. Marshall (Cardiff) | | 0 |
| A. Harper (Mountain Ash) | | 1 |
| R. Allen (Cardiff) | .. .. | 1 |
| J. S. Robinson (Cardiff) | .. .. | 0 |
| W. D. Wright (Penarth) | .. .. | 0 |
| H. Mark (Cardiff) | .. .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| J. R. Harris (Cardiff) | .. .. | 1 |
| A. M. Harper (Mountain Ash) | .. .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| —, Hollitt (Cardiff) | .. .. | 1 |
| G. E. Chappell (Cardiff) | .. .. | 0 |
| S. M. Harper (Mountain Ash) | .. .. | 1 |
| A. Reddaway (Cardiff) | .. .. | 0 |
| R. G. Kyte (Bridgend) | .. .. | 1 |
| A. M. Woodd (Bridgend) | .. .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| —, Hemmings (Bridgend) | .. .. | 1 |
| W. B. Williams (Bridgend) | .. .. | 0 |
| T. Evans (Cardiff) | .. .. | 1 |
| —, Reccamini (Cardiff) | .. .. | 0 |
| —, Wakeford (Cardiff) | .. .. | 0 |
| C. Treveathan (Porth) | .. .. | 1 |
| —, Breeze (Porth) | .. .. | 0 |
| Martin Price | .. .. | 0 |
| J. Harper (Mountain Ash) | .. .. | 0 |
| —, Billborough (Cardiff) | | 0 |
| H. H. Newman (Merthyr) | | 0 |
| H. Irving (Merthyr) | | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| J. H. Gray (Merthyr) | | 0 |

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Robertson cup for ladies' clubs.—Edinburgh and Glasgow Ladies played a match at Glasgow, for possession of the Robertson cup this year, teams of seven a-side. The result was a win for Edinburgh by the odd game, and the Edinburgh Ladies thus secured the cup for the sixth time since 1909. Glasgow Ladies have secured it on three occasions only. Score of tie played on October 25th.

EDINBURGH LADIES.

| | | | |
|---|----------------|-------|---------------|
| 1 | Mrs. Ritchie | .. .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 2 | Mrs. Coast | .. .. | 0 |
| 3 | Miss Forbes | | 1 |
| 4 | Miss Malcolm | | 0 |
| 5 | Miss Kessen | | 1 |
| 6 | Mrs. Harrison | | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 7 | Mrs. Henderson | | 1 |

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GLASGOW LADIES.

| | | |
|----------------|-------|---------------|
| Miss Gilchrist | | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Mrs. Brockett | | 1 |
| Mrs. Thomson | | 0 |
| Miss Eddington | | 1 |
| Mrs. Reid | | 0 |
| Mrs. M'Chlery | | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Mrs. Ross | | 0 |

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The Weymouth Chess Club inaugurated their winter session with a simultaneous display by F. D. Yates. The Weymouth men were reinforced by several players from Dorchester and Portland, and fifteen games were played, Mr. Yates taking the white and black pieces alternately. J. M. Doulton secured a draw, but the other players, who included E. L. Raymond, once of Kent, all eventually succumbed to the ex-champion.

Hamilton-Russell cup.—The following clubs have entered the competition this season : Junior Constitutional, Conservative, Reform, Athenaeum, National Liberal, Royal Automobile, Savile and Authors. The number is the same as last year, but the Conservative and the Authors are now playing instead of the Junior Carlton and the Constitutional.

The annual meeting of the Leeds Chess Club was held on October 26th, in the Gambit Café, R. H. Brown in the chair. Commenting on the annual report, Mr. Brown said he noticed that their membership still numbered only one hundred. That, he said, was very unsatisfactory in a large city like Leeds, and a larger membership was in every way desirable.

J. Croysdale submitted a proposal for the formation of a Junior Chess League for Leeds and district. This proposal met with the approval of the members, and a meeting to discuss the matter further was arranged for October 6th. Mr. Croysdale hoped that all the junior clubs in the district would interest themselves in the league and attend the special meeting.

A presentation to F. Schofield, who has acted as hon. secretary and treasurer to the club for several years, was made by the President on behalf of 89 members, who had subscribed for a clock and a cheque. Many complimentary references were made to the excellent work accomplished by Mr. Schofield on behalf of the club. After the meeting a lightning tourney took place.

R. H. Brown was re-elected president of the club, and a committee composed of Messrs. M. Andrew, A. Illingworth, A. Schofield and H. Wortley was appointed. F. Schofield was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer, J. Croysdale was appointed captain of the first team, W. F. Curtis captain of the second team, and H. Bulliard vice-captain of the second team.

At a later meeting a local Chess Association was formed of which the ex-Lord Mayor of Leeds, Sir Edwin Airey (who is a member of the Leeds Chess Club) became President, and Mr. Croysdale was elected hon. secretary and treasurer. Thus the new league comes into existence and we wish it all success.

The start is distinctly promising as 14 clubs have definitely entered who have been divided into three divisions as follows :

Division A.—Leeds University, Leeds Blenheim, Farsley, Cross-gates, a team from the Leeds Club to be called Leeds "A," and Leeds Y.M.C.A.

Division B.—Rothwell, Ministry of Labour, Salem Institute, Leeds Co-operative, Leeds Central High School and Leeds "B."

Division C.—Leeds School of Commerce, Leeds Central High School, Leeds Modern School, Leeds "C," and Oxford Place Institute.

Whilst the rules of the competition exclude Woodhouse Cup players from taking part and also contains restrictions on Division A players playing in Division B and so on, otherwise the match rules are on much less formal lines than in the more important competitions, and a good deal is left to the sportsmanship of the various clubs. For instance clocks are not contemplated but players are expected to move at a reasonable speed. The idea is to encourage as much as possible everybody who wants a match game whatever their strength.

The annual meeting of the Newcastle and District Chess League was held at the Newcastle Club, when the following officials were elected for the ensuing season:—President, R. S. Friends; Hon. secretary and treasurer, R. P. Boutland; Games' Adjudicator, R. C. Griffith (Editor, *B.C.M.*).

League matches were arranged for the season. Round 1 to be played on October 21st, 1924. The following clubs have entered: Newcastle Y.M.C.A., South Shields, South Shields Y.M.C.A., Newcastle II, Whitley and Monkseaton, Armstrong College, and Sunderland Y.M.C.A.

We will announce the second round and so on in due course. We are advised that definite dates are arranged for each round, which is, in our opinion, a wise course.

Mr. Boutland, 37 Ilfracombe Gardens, Monkseaton, the excellent secretary, is, we regret to say, forced to be away for some time, having decided upon a sea voyage for his health. We sincerely hope he will return fit and well. In the meantime, the secretarial duties fall to Mr. Findlater, of the Newcastle Y.M.C.A.

At the annual meeting of the Alnwick Chess Club, held in the Mechanics' Institute, the Duke of Northumberland, president, occupied the chair.

M. A. Sell, secretary and treasurer, presented the report and accounts, which showed a balance in hand.

The Duke said those who had revived the club after its lapse during the war were to be congratulated. He spoke of chess as the king of games and one of the few in which there was no element of luck, success depending on skill only.

Officials were appointed as follow:—Secretary, treasurer and captain, M. A. Sell (the Duke smiled when he heard of this triple appointment); vice-captain, W. E. Pitt; committee, Messrs. W. Nixon, W. E. Pitt, and W. R. Milner.

M. A. Sell proposed a vote of thanks to the Duke and G. S. Sell, secretary of the Newcastle Club seconded.

The latter brought a message that Sir Arthur Sutherland and L. Zollner, members of the Newcastle Club, would have been there as a deputation to give encouragement to the Alnwick Club, but for other engagements.

The Newcastle Club, added G. S. Sell, had been running triumphantly for 80 years. They in Newcastle were charmed when they heard that his grace had become one of the recognised players of Northumberland, for Northumberland challenged clubs all over the world.

They looked forward with pleasure to the next time the champion of the world came to Northumberland, in the hopes of seeing his grace take a board against him.

The Duke, in reply, said he had played chess all his life, but he was afraid that Mr. Sell had got rather an exaggerated idea of his capabilities when he suggested that he (the Duke) should take on Capablanca. (Laughter).

"No, I will leave that to him, but I shall be very glad indeed to take part in any games in this club," added his grace.

M. A. Sell had on view a fine statuette in Dutch silver of a king in armour of the sixteenth century, which is to be competed for in annual handicaps.

The general meeting of the Metropolitan Chess Club was held on Thursday, J. W. Wright, the president, being in the chair. It was decided to form a junior membership section for young players. A presentation was made to the president and Mrs. Wright, on behalf of the members by Mrs. Rhoda Bowles (vice-president). Mr. Wright, who worked zealously for twenty-five years as hon. secretary and organiser, is now compelled, by considerations of health, to give up active duties. The personal esteem in which he is held by the members, and their grateful appreciation of his services were appropriately expressed by Mrs. Bowles, who handed a handsome clock and a silver cigarette case to Mr. Wright and a handbag to Mrs. Wright.

The City of London Chess Club held a quick-time continuous tournament with thirty entries on Thursday. The prize-winners were T. F. Lawrence, L. McLean, V. Buerger, F. Clarke-Willey, and Dr. Duffy.

The annual general meeting of the Essex County Chess Association was held on Saturday afternoon, November 8th, at Messrs. Hick's Restaurant, High Street, Chelmsford, the headquarters of the Chelmsford Chess Club, who were the hosts of the Association. The chair was taken by the Rev. Canon Lake, a vice-president of the entertaining club. On behalf of the Committee the secretary proposed that Wilson Marriage, J.P., be elected in the place of the late Earl of Warwick.

Mr. Marriage, in accepting, said he had been interested in chess since he was eight years old. He had always taken a keen interest in Essex chess, and he would be glad to act and do anything in his power to further the work of the Association. He hoped that when the fine weather came he would have the pleasure of welcoming all members of the Association who could avail themselves of the opportunity at a garden party to be held at his home, Alresford Grange.

The other officers were re-elected : E. W. Osler and E. J. Randall, acting vice-presidents ; E. W. Osler, match captain ; G. F. Hawkins, treasurer ; F. W. Markwick, secretary. G. F. Hawkins, F. W. Markwick and E. J. Price were elected delegates to the Southern Counties Chess Union.

Leyton won the county trophy, and G. F. Hawkins received, as representative, the silver rook. The Individual championship was won after a prolonged and determined struggle, by E. J. Price. Over 12 years ago Mr. Price played in the B competition of the Association for weaker players, which he ultimately won. He began at board 50 in the county matches. He has now for some years been recognised as one of the strongest players in the Civil Service League and in the North London Chess Club. A delightful personality, no better champion could have been produced for carrying on the *bon camaraderie* and good sportmanship which have for years been the hall-mark of the Essex team.

M. F. Willis, secretary of the Chelmsford Chess Club, who was responsible for the local arrangements, is to be congratulated on a very successful function.

Kent *v.* Surrey, 100 a-side, at the Central Hall, Westminster, on November 15th. This match was by no means an easy victory for Kent. Surrey were far from full strength and lost 5 games by default so that the performance of those who *did* turn out for them must be considered good. On the first 50 boards (Amboyna Shield Competition) Kent won by 30—20. For the full 100 (Ebony Shield) the hop county scored 55½—44½. Surrey, as always, led on the high boards, Kent's great strength being in the centre : from boards 37 to 57 they only lost 2 games !

The fact that a new chess club has just been formed at Banbury, Oxfordshire again proves that it only needs the right man to produce a flourishing club in any town anywhere.

The hon. secretary in question is Harold Brown, formerly of Brixton, and the new club has already a membership of 25 with a lady president. Mrs. Gillett, J.P., is a player who could soon qualify for admission to the British Ladies' Championship and we trust she will have sufficient time and practice to do this.

The Club meets at the Blue Bird Hotel, where a match was played on November 18th *v.* Oxford City Club.

On November 8th, at Lincoln, H. E. Atkins, who was on a short visit to a relative, played nineteen members of the Lincolnshire County Chess Association, simultaneously, winning 17 games and drawing the remaining 2, in a little under four hours. The two players who drew their games were J. H. Todd, of Lincoln, and W. B. Keeling, of Louth.

Midland Counties Championship.—On November 14th, Staffordshire beat Shropshire by 10 to 4, with two unfinished. On the same day Leicester beat Northants by 14 to 4. These winners now enter the semi-final round.

The Yorkshire championship has been won by C. R. Gurnhill, a player who has worked his way to the front rank by careful study of the game and by general keenness. He works hard to encourage chess in Yorkshire, has run classes and given lectures. He won the First Class tourney at the Southport congress in August, and will probably figure higher still in the near future.

An interesting match was played at Cambridge on November 14th, the University v. London Banks' Chess League. Score:—

| LONDON BANKS. | | | | | CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY. | | | | |
|---------------|-----------------|----|----|---------------|-----------------------|----|----|----|---------------|
| 1 | R. C. J. Walker | .. | .. | 0 | L. S. Penrose | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| 2 | J. Raoux | .. | .. | 1 | A. R. B. Thomas | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 3 | L. C. G. Dewing | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | J. E. West | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 4 | W. Jones | .. | .. | 1 | H. J. C. Herrick | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 5 | C. Roberts | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | G. E. Hewson | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 6 | H. Leffler | .. | .. | 1 | E. H. Bateman | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 7 | J. Whicker | .. | .. | 1 | A. H. Wilson | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 8 | G. Devine | .. | .. | 1 | A. A. Maris | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 9 | R. G. Morley | .. | .. | 1 | R. C. Weaver | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 10 | P. P. Johnson | .. | .. | 1 | J. F. Pepper | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 11 | G. S. Foulkes | .. | .. | 0 | M. H. Porter | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| 12 | H. C. Edwards | .. | .. | 1 | P. A. Dirac | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 9 | | | | | 3 | | | | |

The Banks took a strong team in which the re-appearance of J. Raoux, a former champion of Sussex was interesting.

University of London v. Insurance, played at The Old Bell, Holborn, on Monday, November 3rd.

| LONDON UNIVERSITY. | | | | | INSURANCE. | | | | |
|--------------------|-----------------|----|----|---------------|---------------|----|----|----|---------------|
| 1 | V. Buerger (B.) | .. | .. | 1 | A. Tooke | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 2 | L. Klein | .. | .. | 1 | W. A. Boulger | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 3 | N. F. MacLagan | .. | .. | 1 | P. Layzell | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 4 | W. L. Roche | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | C. Clinton | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 5 | J. A. Allcock | .. | .. | 1 | L. A. Durham | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 6 | G. E. Mold | .. | .. | 1 | G. Glover | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 7 | T. G. Griggs | .. | .. | 1 | A. Walters | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| 8 | H. S. Robinson | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ | F. Gosling | .. | .. | .. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 9 | F. H. Creed | .. | .. | 0 | H. Glass | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| 10 | S. T. Weedon | .. | .. | 0 | S. Wilson | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| 11 | N. C. Hum | .. | .. | 0 | H. C. White | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| 12 | L. Piyamedhi | .. | .. | 0 | F. Lanchester | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| 7 | | | | | 5 | | | | |

Cheltenham Chess Club.—The thirty-fifth annual general meeting was held on October 17th at the Club Rooms, 3 Cambridge Villas, Promenade. In the absence of the Rt. Hon. Sir James Agg-Gardner, whose political opponent was endeavouring to checkmate him, the chair was taken by Lieut.-Col. Ashburner.

The committee's report and treasurer's balance sheet showed fifty-nine members and a balance on the right side of £13. The club's tournaments had been satisfactory, the entries numbering 105—an increase on last year. H. P. Parsbo was re-elected match captain; A. R. Gower, hon. secretary; and Miss Gooding, hon. treasurer. It was remarked that Sir James had been the president of the club since its inception and had only been absent from the annual meeting on three occasions. May we add that he was re-elected as president on this occasion and a week or so later was re-elected as M.P. for the town.

Since removing to more spacious headquarters at 26 Highbury Corner, N.5, the Islington Chess Club has added considerably to its roll of members. A very successful simultaneous display was given recently by R. C. Griffith, who won 18, drew 7 and lost 3 games. A lightning tournament, in which over thirty players took part, was held on November 14th, and the prize-winners were: 1st, A. M. Ewbank; 2nd, Miss Price (the British lady champion); 3rd, R. C. Pritchard; 4th, R. F. Thomas. Herr Maörczy will give a simultaneous display on thirty boards at the above address on December 12th, and J. H. Blake early in the new year. Visitors are welcome on any Friday evening.

Northern Counties Chess Union.—At the annual meeting held at Manchester on Saturday, W. R. Thomas, of Liverpool, was elected president, and E. Spencer, of Liverpool, secretary and treasurer.

Newcastle Chess Club.—The seventy-sixth annual meeting took place recently. Louis Zollner, who has been a member for over forty years, presided, and congratulated the club upon its favourable position both financially and in playing strength. A resolution, proposed by Mr. Zollner, was carried, that the secretary be instructed to write the president, W. D. Hawdon, wishing him and his wife a happy time during their world's tour, and a safe return.

All retiring officers were re-elected, and Dr. Hemy, a well-known figure at the club for many years, created an honorary member. During the evening Mr. Zollner, in a particularly pleasing way, enumerated some reminiscences in his long association with chess at the Newcastle club. He paid special tribute to the hon. secretary, G. S. Sell, and as a token of personal esteem presented him with an antique silver cup.

Mr. Sell, in his own peculiar happy way, in thanking the chairman, said he would cherish the gift and particularly the kind sentiments

which prompted the presentation so long as he was able to value anything.

M. Hyslop, as captain of the second team, was warmly congratulated upon the success of his team in winning the cup in connection with the league matches, Mr. Zollner pointing out that really the captain had much to do with such a result. Mr. Sell said that it was only possible where the captain was one of personality and untiring energy.

J. Scotland, the popular treasurer, had a great ovation, Mr. Zollner remarking that the club was fortunate in having secured the continuity of his services.

We are indebted to G. S. A. Wheatcroft, of New College, Oxford, for the following : A match (4 a-side) will be played between Oxford University Chess Club and Haverford (U.S.A.) University Chess Club by *amateur* wireless, probably on the night of December 9th. The English end will be at the station of Gerald Marcuse, hon. secretary of Radio Society of Great Britain, at Caterham, Surrey ; the American end will be run by the wireless club of Haverford University. This is the first occasion of a chess match by amateur wireless with America.

NEWS FROM IRELAND.

Dublin Chess Club.—The annual general meeting of the Dublin Chess Club was held on Wednesday, 5th inst, at the Club Rooms, 20 Lincoln Place, John Sweetman, vice-president, presided.

The hon. secretary read a letter from the Rt. Hon. Sir Horace Plunkett, D.C., president of the club, in which he expressed his regret at not being able to be present, and stated that as he had now taken up residence in England he desired in the interests of the club that the members should appoint another president. The meeting accepted with very great regret the resignation tendered by Sir Horace Plunkett of the position of president, which he had held with such distinction for many years, and the hon. secretary was instructed to convey to Sir Horace Plunkett an expression of sincere thanks for the many and valuable services he had rendered to the club.

During the past year twenty-two members were elected which, after allowing for retirements, increased the number on the roll to eighty-four, a net gain of eleven on last year's total.

The club heartily congratulated P. Barker, who resently joined the club, on the dual success he achieved in winning both the Irish and Tailteann chess championships.

J. T. Gerrard was warmly congratulated on his success in winning the Leinster chess championship.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Dr. Geo. Peyton for valuable services rendered by him in re-organising the library and also for the time and labour expended in revising the club rules.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year : President, W. Moffat Wilson ; vice-presidents, John Sweetman and Frank Hobson ; hon. librarian, Dr. Geo. Peyton ; hon. treasurer, H. McIlwaine ; hon. secretary, T. G. Cranston.

In the course of the evening the chairman presented H. McIlwaine, hon. treasurer, with a wristlet watch, and T. G. Cranston, hon. secretary, with a silver cigarette case in recognition of valuable services rendered to the club.

BARETTI, DR. JOHNSON AND CHESS.

The following passage is from Miss Reynolds' "Recollections of Dr. Johnson," printed in G. Eirkbeck Hill's *Johnsonian Miscellanies* vol. ii, pp. 292-3).

It should be explained that Omai was a South Sea Islander. He is described in Boswell's *Life of Johnson* (1776, April 3rd) as notable for his excellent manners, which Johnson thought that he owed to moving only in the very best English society. Miss Burney mentions his graceful management of a sword. He is Cowper's 'gentle savage' of the *Task*.

"I believe there never subsisted any cordial friendship between Dr. Johnson and Barretti after their journey to Paris ; and what perhaps entirely extinguished it, was a most mendacious falsehood that he told Johnson of his having beaten Omai at Chess, both times that he had played with him at Sir Joshua Reynolds', for the very reverse was true !

" 'Do you think,' said he to Johnson, 'that I should be conquered at Chess by a savage ? ' 'I know you were,' says Johnson. Barretti insisting upon the contrary, Johnson rose from his seat in a most violent rage, 'I'll hear no more.' On which Barretti in a fright flew out of his house, and perhaps never entered it after. I believe he was never invited. This I was told by Mrs. Williams, who was present at their disputation." B.G.B.

G. Maroczy, the Hungarian master, played 5 consultation games at the Hampstead Chess Club on October 28th, and won them all. The amateurs played 3 at a board.

Two days later at Brixton he won 5 and drew 1 at a similar display.

At Ealing on November 11th the result was 16 wins and 2 draws. At Liverpool on the 14th he won 15 and drew 1 and at the same city on the following day he dropped his first point losing one game while winning 20 and drawing 3. An extremely good record !

NEWS FROM THE DOMINIONS AND FOREIGN LANDS.

New Zealand.—In mid-September Boris Kostich concluded an eight-weeks tour of the Dominion, during which his record in exhibition play was :—482 games played ; 408 won ; 65 drawn ; 9 lost. Included in this were his blindfold figures : 28 wins ; 2 draws. On September 16th he left New Zealand for Sydney, to complete his engagements in Australia, after which his intention was to visit South Africa.

On September 20th and 27th the annual telegraphic match was played between Wellington and Nelson, with 15 players a-side.

From F. K. Kelling's excellent chess contributions to the *Wellington Evening Post*, we extract the following "Landmarks in New Zealand Chess" :—(1) 1863 : First N.Z. chess club founded at Napier ; (2) 1866 : First telegraphic match in Australasia, Nelson v. Christchurch ; (3) 1879 : First N.Z. championship tourney, at Christchurch ; (4) 1890 : N.Z. Chess Association formed ; (5) 1922 : Club championship of N.Z. (telegraphic matches) instituted.

Canada.—The cup given by *The Evening Telegram* as brilliancy prize in the recent championship tournament at Hamilton has been awarded to Harry Rombach, the young Montrealer, for his game against J. W. Moncur. The judge was H. Helms, editor of *The American Chess Bulletin*.

United States.—In the special tournament at the Marshall C.C., Manhattan, in which the prescribed opening moves are : 1 P—K 4, P—K 4 ; 2 B—B 4, Kt—K B 3 ; 3 P—Q 4, Frank Marshall led after four rounds with a clean score of 4, all his games having been won in 31 moves or less. Carlos Torre, the new star, stood second with 3 wins and a loss (to Marshall). There were seven players, and the affair was a double-round one.

On the completion of the first half of the tournament Marshall's score was 6 and Torre's 4½. The opening moves were suggested by Edwin Dimock, of New London, Conn., who put up the prizes.

Capablanca gave his first simultaneous exhibition of the season at Philadelphia on October 11th, when he met 31 opponents. Having to catch a midnight train to New York, he was obliged to leave 10 games unfinished. Of the rest he won 17, drew 3 and lost only 1.

Italy.—In the national tournament, held at Foligno, September 14th—25th, the well-known Florentine player, the Marquis Stefano Roselli del Turco, won the first prize with a score of 7 points in 9 games. In the second round he was unexpectedly beaten by R. Calapso, of Messina ; but apart from that his only failures to win were against M. Monticelli and A. Sacconi, who both drew with him.

The remaining scores were :—E. Hellmann, M. Monticelli and A. Sacconi, $6\frac{1}{2}$ each ; R. Calapso, $5\frac{1}{2}$; U. Rastrelli, 4 ; U. Cala, $3\frac{1}{2}$; C. Guarini, $2\frac{1}{2}$; R. Foraboschi and D. Vitale, $1\frac{1}{2}$.

The major tournament was won by R. Ovidi, with a score of 8 out of 9.

The Palermo C.C. is playing a correspondence match of 2 games with Mogenta (Valencia, Spain).

Russia.—The complete prize-list in the recent all-Russian tournament at Moscow (see p. 455) was :—I, E. Bogoljuboff, 15 points (13 wins and 4 draws) ; II, Romanovsky, $12\frac{1}{2}$; III-IV, Bogatyrtchuk and Lövenfisch, $11\frac{1}{2}$; V, E. Rabinovitch, 10 ; VI, Nenarokoff, Selesnieff and Wilner, $9\frac{1}{2}$.

The remaining scores were :—Sosin, 9 ; Dus-Chotimirsky and Werlinsky, $8\frac{1}{2}$; A. Rabinovitch, 8 ; Iljin-Shenevsky, 7 ; Gregorieff, $6\frac{1}{2}$; Rosental, 5 ; Freymann and Sergieff, 4 ; Smorodsky, $3\frac{1}{2}$.

Bogoljuboff and Selesnieff both entered from Triberg, where they have made their homes.

There were several minor tournaments at the Moscow congress, which lasted from August 31st to September 16th ; and 150 players in all were present. It was decided to reorganise the Russian Chess Federation, which now becomes a section of the government department of physical culture. A *Soviet* was elected to manage the Federation, so that now, no doubt, all will be well with Russian chess !

An international tournament is contemplated in 1925. It is not stated whether only " Red " entries will be accepted.

OBITUARY.

Those who met the Australian representative, C. G. Steele, at the Southsea congress of the B.C.F. last year, will be shocked to hear of his death in Melbourne, at the comparatively early age of 44. Mr. Steele went to Melbourne about sixteen years ago and at once made a name in Victorian chess circles. He was a runner-up for the State championship in 1908. In 1910 he won the title in a match against the holder, W. F. Coultas. After running up to A. G. Rainey in the tournament of 1911, he defeated that player in a match the same year. He had to wait rather long for his next success ; but, after running-up to C. G. Watson in 1914, and to G. Gundersen in 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920 and 1922, he recovered the championship in 1923, thus making his appearance at Southsea with excellent credentials. He had also a fine record in interstate telegraphic matches.

In the Australian championship at Melbourne in 1922 Mr. Steele was one of the four who tied for fourth place. He was unable, through illness, to compete in the recent congress at Brisbane.

At Southsea, although he only managed to tie for tenth and eleventh places, he made a good impression, and exhibited in particular great staying power. He put to his credit there victories over R. H. V. Scott and Herbert Jacobs.

GAME DEPARTMENT.

Games from the Major Open Tournament at Southport.
Notes by J. H. Blake.

GAME No. 5,314.

Irregular Opening.

WHITE
A. RUBINSTEIN

- 1 P—Q 4
2 Kt—K B 3
3 P—B 4
4 Kt—B 3
5 P—K 4
6 P—K R 3

.....6... Kt—B 3 is now
recognised as better, giving a
freer position than the text-move.

- 7 P—K Kt 3
8 B—Kt 2
9 Kt×P
10 Castles
11 B—K 3
12 Q—B 2
13 K—R 2
14 P—B 3
15 B—B 2
16 Q R—Q 1
17 K R—K 1
18 P—B 4

.....This has the disadvantage of enabling White to get his Queen's Knight into Black's position. 18... Q—B 1 provides no such opportunity, but it is noticeable how carefully White has closed every avenue by which Black could free his cramped position.

- 19 Kt—Q 5!
20 Kt×B
21 Kt—Kt 6
22 P—B 5
23 Kt—B 4

BLACK
O. C. MULLER

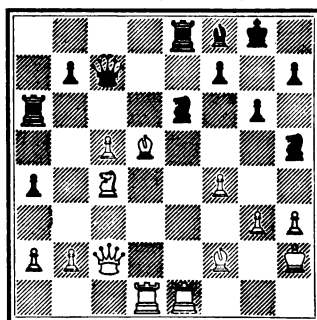
- 1 Kt—K B 3
2 P—K Kt 3
3 B—Kt 2
4 Castles
5 P—Q 3
6 Q Kt—Q 2

.....23 B—B 1 is also very strong, but tends to greater complication; and the simpler method is no doubt deliberately chosen.

- 23 P—Q 4
24 P×P
25 B×P

Position after 25... Q—B 2.

BLACK (MULLER)



WHITE (RUBINSTEIN)

26 P—B 6!

An instructive example of the art of demolishing an opponent's position. At the present moment all Black's pieces but one are protected; after only two moves more Black has three unprotected pieces!

- 26 P×P
27 B×Kt

.....27... R×B would have been better, as getting rid of the weakness of one Rook; but after

28 R×R, P×R; 29 Kt—K 5, Q—B 1 White has several options; e.g., 30 R—Q B 1, or B—Q 4, or Kt—Q 7.

28 Kt—K 5 28 Kt—B 3

.....For the same reason, 28... R—K 2 or 28... Q—B 1 was better. The text move guards the King's Rook by uncovering the Knight; and this gives White the cue for his final combination.

29 B—Q 4

29 B—Kt 2

.....If now 29... R—Q 1; 30 Kt×Kt P, R×B; 31 R×R, P×Kt; 32 Q×P ch, B—Kt 2; 33 R×P, Q—R 2; 34 KR—Q 6 and wins.

| | |
|-------------|------------|
| 30 Kt×Kt P! | 30 P×Kt |
| 31 B×Kt | 31 Q—B 2 |
| 32 B×B | 32 Q×B |
| 33 Q—B 4 | 33 R—Kt 3 |
| 34 R×P | 34 R×P ch |
| 35 K—R 1 | 35 Resigns |

GAME NO. 5,315.

Queen's Pawn Opening.

| WHITE | BLACK |
|-------------|---------------|
| G. W. MOSES | A. RUBINSTEIN |
| 1 P—Q 4 | 1 P—Q 4 |
| 2 Kt—K B 3 | 2 Kt—K B 3 |
| 3 P—K 3 | 3 P—B 4 |
| 4 B—Q 3 | 4 Kt—B 3 |
| 5 P—K R 3 | |

15 P—Q R 4

Upon the weakness set up by this Pawn advance on the side where White has the Pawn inferiority Black operates for the rest of the game. Presumably White feared ... P—Q Kt 4 and ... P—B 5; but that he need hardly trouble to prevent, as it would provide a commanding square at Q 4 for one of his pieces. The best counteractive to such a supposed intention would be to take a strong line of his own, such as 15 P—K 4, P×P; 16 Kt—Q 2, B—B 3; 17 P—K B 3, Q R—Q 1; 18 Q—B 1, recovering the Pawn.

A game Vidmar v. Rubinstein, San Sebastian, 1911, was continued 5 Castles, B—Kt 5; 6 P—B 3, P—K 3; 7 Q Kt—Q 2, B—Q 3; 8 Q—R 4, Castles; 9 R—K 1, Q—B 2, with a fine game for Black. White wants to avoid this; otherwise he could well play here 5 P—Q Kt 3, B—Kt 5; 6 B—Kt 2.

6 Castles 5 P—K 3

Now the Queen's Fianchetto should come at once, to keep control of the centre, which he loses by waiting.

| | |
|------------|------------|
| 7 P—Q Kt 3 | 6 B—Q 3 |
| 8 P×K P | 7 P—K 4! |
| 9 B—Kt 2 | 8 Kt×P |
| 10 Kt×Kt | 9 Q—K 2 |
| 11 B×B | 10 B×Kt |
| 12 Kt—Q 2 | 11 Q×B |
| 13 Kt—B 3 | 12 Castles |
| 14 R—K 1 | 13 Q—K 2 |
| | 14 B—Q 2 |

| |
|------------|
| 15 Q R—Q 1 |
| 16 Q—K 2 |
| 16 Kt—K 5 |
| 17 B×Kt |
| 17 P×B |
| 18 Kt—R 2 |

Q 2 was the right square for the Knight. The precision of Black's play from this point is deadly.

(See diagram).

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|-------------|
| 18 B—K 3 |
| 19 P—B 5! |
| 20 Q—B 4 |
| 21 R×R |
| 22 R—Q 1 |
| 22 R×R ch |
| 23 Q×R |
| 23 P—K R 3 |
| 24 Q—Q 8 ch |
| 24 K—R 2 |

25 Q—Q 4

If 25 Q—Kt 8, Q×B P; 26 Q×Kt P, Q×B P; 27 Kt—B 1 (forced), Q×R P, and with a Bishop to help the Queen Black's passed Queen's Rook's Pawn should win.

25 Q×B P

26 Q×Q

26 P—Q B 3 loses by exchange of Queens, ... P—Q R 4 and ... B—Kt 6. 26 Q×R P loses by ... Q×B P; 27 Kt—Kt 4, Q—B 8 ch; 28 K—R 2, Q—B 2 ch; 29 K—Kt 1, P—R 4; 30 Kt—R 2, Q—B 8 ch; 31 Kt—B 1, B—B 5 and wins. But 26 Kt—B 1, Q×B P; 27 Kt—Q 2 might have proved a great deal more troublesome to Black, as he could not play ... B—Kt 6.

26 B×Q

27 P—Q R 5

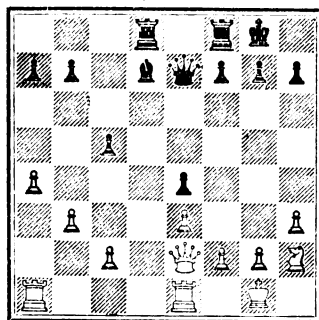
27 Kt—B 1 was his last chance of bidding for a draw; Black would not exchange, as that would let the White King across to the Queen's side in time to secure it. After the text-move (which is of course to stop ... P—Q R 4) Black would, however, exchange pieces immediately if offered, as

the White Queen's Rook's Pawn would then be at the mercy of the Black King.

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|------------|------------|
| 28 P—K B 4 | 27 K—Kt 3 |
| 29 K—B 2 | 28 K—B 3 |
| 30 K—K 1 | 29 K—K 2 |
| 31 K—Q 2 | 30 P—B 4 |
| 32 P—Kt 4 | 31 K—Q 3 |
| 33 P—R 4 | 32 P—Kt 3 |
| 34 P—Kt 5 | 33 P—K R 4 |
| 35 K—B 3 | 34 K—B 4 |
| 36 Resigns | 35 P—R 3 |

Position after 18 Kt—R 2.

BLACK (RUBINSTEIN)



WHITE (MOSES)

GAME NO. 5,316.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

- | WHITE | BLACK |
|---------------|-------------|
| A. RUBINSTEIN | C. DUFFIELD |
| 1 P—Q 4 | 1 P—Q 4 |
| 2 Kt—K B 3 | 2 Kt—K B 3 |
| 3 P—B 4 | 3 P—K 3 |
| 4 Kt—B 3 | 4 Q Kt—Q 2 |
| 5 B—Kt 5 | 5 B—K 2 |
| 6 P—K 3 | 6 Castles |
| 7 R—B 1 | 7 P—B 3 |
| 8 Q—B 2 | 8 P—Q R 3 |

.....Grünfeld v. Wolf, Mährisch-Ostrau, 1923, was continued 8... Kt—K 5; 9 B×B, Q×B; 10 B—Q 3, Kt×Kt; 11 P×Kt, P×P; 12 B×P,

P—Q Kt 3, with a good free game for Black.

- | | |
|------------|-----------|
| 9 P×P | 9 K P×P |
| 10 B—Q 3 | 10 R—K 1 |
| 11 Castles | 11 Kt—B 1 |
| 12 P—K R 3 | 12 Kt—R 4 |

Compare Game No. 5,292, Atkins v. Michell. In the present instance the Knight cannot be exchanged for the Bishop, and the justification for playing it to R 4 is therefore lacking. 12... Kt—K 5 on the contrary was good, a fact which tends to throw doubt upon the validity of White's 9th move.

13 B×B

13 R×B

.....Presumably fearing
14 Kt—Q R 4 if he retook with
Queen.

14 P—Q Kt 4

14 Q—Q 3

15 R—Kt 1

15 Q—B 3

.....He loses too much time
with the Queen and should rather
complete the Queen's side develop-
ment.

16 Kt—K 5

16 Q—R 3

17 P—Q R 4

17 P—B 3

18 Kt—Kt 4

18 Q—Kt 4

19 P—Kt 5

19 R P×P

20 P×P

20 P—K Kt 3

.....The gain of a Pawn by
20.., B×Kt would turn out
badly, e.g., 20.., B×Kt; 21 P×
B, Q×Kt P; 22 P×P, P×P;
23 R—Kt 6, Q—Q 2; 24 B—B 5,
Kt—K 3; 25 B×P ch, K moves;
26 B—Kt 6, and wins. 20..,
B—Q 2 would be better than the
move made.

21 Kt—R 4

21 B×Kt

22 P×B

22 Q×Kt P

23 Kt—Kt 6

23 R—Q 1

24 P×P

24 P×P

25 Q×P

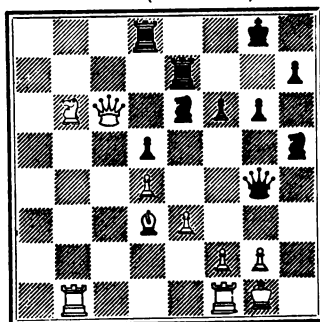
25 Kt—K 3

.....Nothing will ultimately
save the Queen's Pawn here, but
25.., Q—K 3 offers the prospect
of longest resistance. From this

point Black is left with nothing
but forced moves.

Position after 25.., Kt—K 3.

BLACK (DUFFIELD)



WHITE (RUBINSTEIN)

26 Kt×P

26 K R—K 1

27 R—Kt 7

27 K—R 1

28 R—R 1

28 R—K B 1

29 P—B 3

29 Kt×P

30 P×Q

30 Kt×Q

31 P×Kt

31 R×Kt

32 B—K 4

32 R—Q 3

33 B×Kt

33 R×B

34 R(R 1)—R 7

34 R—Q 1

35 R×P ch

35 K—Kt 1

36 R(R 7)—K Kt 7 ch

36 K—B 1

37 P—R 6

37 Resigns

GAME No. 5317.

An off hand game played at The Hague. Notes by J.H.B.

Sicilian Defence.

WHITE

R. J. LOMAN

1 P—K 4

2 Kt—K B 3

3 P—Q 4

4 Kt×P

5 Kt—Q B 3

6 B—K 2

BLACK

S. SÜSHOLZ

1 P—Q B 4

2 Kt—Q B 3

3 P×P

4 Kt—B 3

5 P—K 3

6 B—Kt 5

.....It is now usual to play
the Bishop to K 2; but Black
has ulterior views, as revealed by
his 11th and 12th moves.

7 Q—Q 3

White can obtain a fine attack
by letting the Pawn go, thus:

7 Kt×Kt, Kt P×Kt; 8 Castles, B×Kt; 9 P×B, Kt×P; 10 Q—Q 4, Kt—B 3; 11 B—R 3.

8 Castles 7 P—Q R 3
8 Q—B 2
9 Kt—Kt 3 9 P—Q Kt 4

He should Castle before undertaking anything more on the Queen's side.

10 P—B 4 10 B—Kt 2
11 B—B 3 11 Kt—K 2
12 P—K 5 12 B×Kt
13 P×B 13 K Kt—Q 4
14 B—R 3 14 R—Q B 1

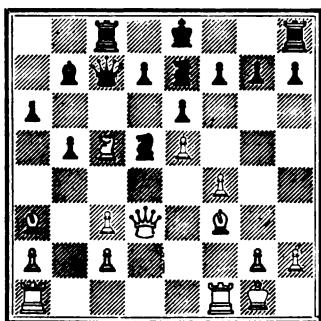
.....He cannot take the King's Bishop's Pawn, *e.g.*, 14... Kt×K B P; 15 Q—Q 6, Q×Q; 16 P×Q, B×B; 17 P×Kt, winning a piece.

15 Kt—B 5

Preparing a sacrificial combination, which is hardly sound, but yields fair chances for off-hand play.

Position after 15 Kt—B 5.

BLACK (SÜSHOLZ)



WHITE (LOMAN)

16 Kt×B 15 Kt×K B P
16 Kt×Q
17 Kt—Q 6 ch 17 K—B 1
18 B—R 5

"On this move the combination was based," says Mr. Loman. In

fact, however, he has nothing better than 18 Kt×R, Q×Kt; 19 P×Kt.

18 Q—Kt 3 ch

.....Lured on by the mirage of smothered mate he loses three pieces to capture one. 19... P—Kt 3 is a strong line; *e.g.*, 19... P—Kt 3; 20 R×P ch, K—Kt 1; 21 Q R—K B 1 (not 21 R×Kt because the smothered mate then becomes a reality), Kt—B 4! and the attack fails.

19 K—R 1 19 Kt—B 7 ch
20 R×Kt 20 Q×R
21 Kt×R 21 K—K 1
22 B×Kt 22 P—Kt 3

.....Very weak. The right play is 22... P—Q 4; 23 B—Q Kt 4 (23 P×P *e.p.*, K—Q 2!), K—Q 2; 24 Kt—Q 6, P—B 3.

23 B—B 6 23 R—Kt 1
24 Kt—Q 6 ch 24 K—B 1
25 B—B 3 25 P—Kt 4
26 R—Q 1! 26 Q×B P

.....Apparently anticipating that if 26... P—K Kt 4; 27 B—K 4 he will lose the Exchange. Probably his best line is 26... R—Kt 3; 27 B—K 4, R×B; 28 P×R, Q×K B P, and Black has such strong Pawns that he might hold the game against the three pieces.

27 Kt—Kt 7 27 K—K 1
28 Kt—B 5 28 Q×B P

.....Now 28... R—Kt 3 is imperative. If 29 R×P, R×B; 30 P×R, Q×B P. If 29 Kt×P or Kt—K 4, then ... P—K Kt 5.

29 B—B 6! 29 Q×Kt

.....Mr. Loman remarks that Black was counting upon 30 B×P ch, K—B 1; 31 B×Kt P, Q×B; 32 R—Q 8 ch, Q—K 1 and wins. White's concluding strokes from the 26th move are very elegant.

30 R×P! 30 Q—B 8 ch
31 R—Q 1 ch 31 Resigns

GAME NO. 5,318.

Played in a match at Chicago. Notes by J.H.B.

... *French Defence.*

| WHITE | | BLACK | |
|--------------|--|-------------|-----------|
| L. J. ISAACS | | S. ADELMAN. | |
| 1 P—K 4 | | 1 P—K 3 | |
| 2 P—Q 4 | | 2 P—Q 4 | |
| 3 Kt—Q B 3 | | 3 Kt—K B 3 | |
| 4 P—K 5 | | 4 K Kt—Q 2 | |
| 5 Q—Kt 4 | | 5 P—Q B 4 | |
| 6 Kt—K B 3 | | 6 P×P | |
| | | 22 Kt—K 2 | 22 B—Kt 2 |
| | | 23 Kt—B 4 | 23 R—R 1 |
| | | 24 B—Q 2 | 24 Kt—B 1 |
| | | 25 Q R—B 1 | 25 R—B 1 |
| | | 26 R×R | 26 B×R |
| | | 27 R—B 1 | |

.....Given by the *Handbuch*, but blamed in a note by Edward Lasker, on the ground that it puts a White piece into a commanding position. A game between Leonhardt and Marshall, Ostend, 1905, was continued: 6... Kt—Q B 3, 7 B—Q Kt 5, P×P; 8 K Kt×P, Q Kt×P; 9 Q—Kt 3, P—Q R 3; 10 Kt×Kt, Kt×Kt; 11 B×Kt ch, P×B; 12 Castles, R—R 2.

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|----------|------------|
| 7 K Kt×P | 7 Kt—Q B 3 |
| 8 Kt—B 3 | 8 P—Q R 3 |

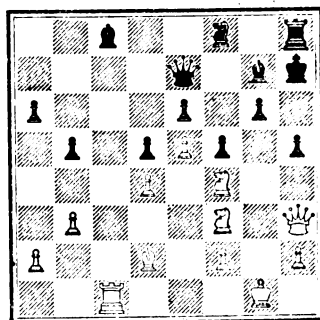
.....Very tame. 9 B—Q Kt 5 need not be prevented, and 9 Kt—Kt 5 still less. The logic of his 5th move requires him to take the King's Pawn, and he gets a bad game through the inconsistency.

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|-------------|-------------|
| 9 Q—Kt 3 | 9 Kt—Kt 5 |
| 10 B—Q 3 | 10 Kt×B ch |
| 11 P×Kt | 11 Kt—B 4 |
| 12 Kt—Q 2 | 12 P—K Kt 3 |
| 13 P—Q 4 | 13 Kt—Q 2 |
| 14 Kt—B 3 | 14 B—Kt 2 |
| 15 Castles | 15 Castles |
| 16 Q—R 3 | 16 Q—K 2 |
| 17 Kt—Kt 5 | 17 P—K R 3 |
| 18 Kt—B 3 | 18 K—R 2 |
| 19 P—K Kt 4 | 19 P—B 4 |
| 20 P—Kt 5 | 20 P—K R 4 |
| 21 P—Kt 3 | 21 P—Kt 4 |

.....White was threatening P—Q R 4 and B—R 3.

Position after 27 R—B 1.

BLACK (ADELMAN)



WHITE (ISAACS)

27 B—Kt 2

.....There is no satisfactory move here. If 27... Q—Q 1; 28 B—Kt 4 and 29 B—Q 6. If 27... Kt—Q 2; 28 Kt×R P wins. If 27... Q—Q 2; 28 B—R 5 wins. If 27... B—Q 2; 28 R—B 7, Q—Q 1; 29 B—R 5, Q—Kt 1, and White can take his choice between 30 R×B, Kt×R; 31 Kt×R P; and 30 Kt—R 4, B—K 1; 31 Q—Q B 3. The finish is very neat indeed, and the whole game is an excellent example of well sustained attack.

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|------------|------------|
| 28 B—R 5 | 28 Q—R 6 |
| 29 R—B 7! | 29 Q×B |
| 30 Kt×R P! | 30 Resigns |

GAME No. 5,319.

Played in the Western Championship Tournament at Detroit.
Notes by J.H.B.

Irregular Opening.

WHITE W. A. RUTH BLACK N. W. BANKS

- 1 P-Q B 4 1 Kt-K B 3
2 Kt-Q B 3 2 P-K 4

.....Allowing White to play the Sicilian Defence with a move in hand. See Game No. 5,267, Tartakover v. Lasker, for another treatment of the same form of opening.

- 3 P-K Kt 3 3 P-Q 3
4 B-Kt 2 4 B-K 2
5 P-K 3 5 Kt-B 3
6 P-Q 4 6 P×P
7 P×P 7 Castles
8 K Kt-K 2 8 B-B 4
9 Castles 9 Q-Q 2

.....9..., R-K 1 and 10., B-B 1 was better, as presently appears.

- 10 P-Kt 3 10 Q R-K 1 ?
11 Kt-B 4 11 B-Q 1
12 B-Kt 2 12 P-K Kt 4

.....A very hazardous line, incurring wholly unnecessary risk. 12..., Kt-K 5 is playable. He has not, however, a very comfortable game, owing mainly to the wrong choice at move 9, and its consequence of moving the King's Bishop to the wrong side, it being now fairly evident that that piece is needed on the long centre diagonal.

- 13 K Kt-Q 5 13 B-R 6
14 Q-B 3! 14 B×B

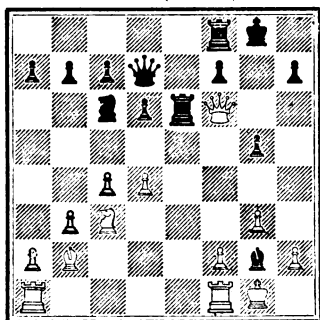
.....Black seems bent upon forcing complications at all risk, and here embarks upon a line the consequences of which he had not accurately forecast. He should exchange Knights first to be safe.

- 15 Kt×Kt ch 15 B×Kt
16 Q×K B 16 R-K 3

.....Presumably to prevent White drawing immediately by 17 Q×Kt P ch, K-R 1; 18 Q-B 6 ch, etc.; but White promptly initiates a very fine combination.

Position after 16..., R-K 3.

BLACK (BANKS)



WHITE (RUTH)

- 17 Kt-Q 5! 17 B×R

.....The only alternative is 17..., B×Kt; 18 Q×Kt P ch, R-Kt 3; 19 Q×B, and White with a Pawn up has a good game.

- 18 Q×Kt P ch 18 K-R 1
19 Kt-B 6 19 Q-Q 1
20 P-Q 5 20 Kt-K 4
21 P×R! 21 Kt-B 6 ch
22 K×B 22 Kt×Q
23 P-K 7

So far splendidly played, and exhibiting White as a player of high combinative powers. Here, however, he let his win slip by transposing the order of the moves. The right course was 23 Kt-Q 5 ch, P-B 3 (K-Kt 1; 24 P-K 7, Q-B 1; 25 Kt-B 6 ch, K moves; 26 Kt-Q 7 ch, etc.); 24 P-K 7, Q-B 1; 25 P×R (Q) ch, Q×Q; 26 Kt×K B P, and the Black Queen has no escape. If 26..., Q-B 2; 27 Kt-Kt 4 ch K-Kt 1; 28 Kt-R 6 ch. If 26..., Q-Kt 2; 27 R-K 1, Q-Kt 3; 28 Kt-Q 5 ch, K-Kt 1; 29 Kt-K 7 ch. If 26..., Q-B 1; 27 Kt-Q 5 ch, K-Kt 1; 28 Kt-K 7 ch. If 26 Q-Q 1 b(est); 27 R-K 1, K-Kt 2; 28 R-K 8, Q×Kt; 29 R-K 7 ch, etc.

- 24 Kt—Q 5 ch 23 Q×P
 25 B×Q ch 24 Q—K 4
 26 Kt×P 25 P×B
 27 K—Kt 2 26 Kt—B 6

A much better course was 27 K—K 2. If ..., Kt×P; 28 Kt—Kt 5, P—Q R 3; 29 Kt—Q 6, P—Kt 3; 30 P—B 3. Black would have, therefore, to reply to 27 K—K 2 with Kt—Q 5 ch, then 28 K—Q 3, and the White King takes a strong part in the ending.

- 28 R—K 1 27 Kt—Q 5
 29 Kt—Q 5 28 P—B 3

29 R—K 4 should come first Black cannot then play ..., K—Kt 2 on account of 30 R×Kt, winning. If 29..., R—B 1; 30 Kt—Q 5, K—Kt 2; 31 P—B 4 and White keeps the initiative. Black's play for the rest of the game is vigorous.

- 30 R—K 4 29 K—Kt 2
 31 P—B 4 30 P—Kt 4
 32 P×K P 31 P×Q B P
 33 P×B P 32 P×K P
 34 R—Kt 4 ch 33 Kt—B 3

He might as well play at once 34 R—K 2, threatening 35 R—Kt 2; when he does so four moves later he has lost a move and the initiative.

- 35 R—R 4 34 K—B 2
 36 R—Kt 4 ch 35 K—Kt 3
 37 R—K 4 36 K—B 2
 38 R—K 2 37 R—Q Kt 1
 39 R—B 2 ch 38 R—Kt 8
 40 K—B 3 39 K—Kt 2
 41 Kt—K 3 40 R—Q B 8
 42 K—K 4 ch 41 K—B 3
 43 R—B 5 42 K—K 3

Partly to forestall ..., Kt—R 4.

- 44 R—R 5 43 R—Q R 8
 45 Kt—Q 5 44 K—Q 3
 45 K—B 4

.....He cannot take the Rook's Pawn because of 46 R—

R 6 ch; 47 R×Kt and 48 Kt—Kt 4 ch.

- 46 R—R 6 46 P—R 4
 47 Kt—K 3 47 R×P
 48 R×P 48 P—R 5
 49 P—Kt 4 49 P—R 6
 50 R—R 8 50 R—K 7

.....If 50..., Kt—R 4; 51 R—R 8; or 50..., Kt—R 2; 51 R—R 7 ch, and in either case if the King protects the Knight the subsequent checks of the White Knight win a piece. 50..., R—K B 7 is similarly inoperative because after Black has played ..., K—Kt 5 and ..., Kt—R 4 the White Knight's checks at least draw.

- 51 R—R 8 51 P—R 7
 52 P—Kt 5 52 K—Kt 5
 53 P—Kt 6

By not releasing the pin of his Knight first White should have lost. 53 K—Q 3, R×P; 54 P—Kt 6, Kt—R 4; 55 Kt—Q 5 ch, and draws by perpetual check, which is all he can now look for.

- 54 P—Kt 7 53 Kt—R 4
 55 P—Kt 8 (Q) 54 P—R 8 (Q)
 56 K—B 5 55 Q—Q 5 ch
 57 Q—Kt 8 ch 56 R×Kt
 57 K×P

.....This allows the fruit of thirty moves of good play to escape him. 57..., K—B 6 was a winning line; for if 58 R×Kt, R—B 6 ch; 59 K—K 6, Q—Kt 5 ch; 60 K—K 7, Q—Kt 2 ch; 61 K—Q 6, R—B 3 ch, and White has no saving move. But even after the text-move Black should not have agreed to a draw without seeing White's next move. White still cannot take the Knight; he can, however, draw by 58 Q—B 7 ch, K—Kt 6; 59 R—Kt 8 ch; K—R 5; 60 Q—B 2 ch. An exciting game throughout; no wonder Mr. Mlotkowski (to whom we are indebted for several fine games from the same tournament) calls it "a sizzler."

Draw agreed

GAME No. 5,320.

Played in a simultaneous exhibition.

Irregular Opening.

| WHITE | BLACK | WHITE | BLACK |
|-------------|------------|---------------|-------------|
| V. VUCOVICZ | —, GILLIAG | V. VUCOVICZ | —, GILLIAG |
| 1 Kt—K B 3 | 1 P—Q B 4 | 9 P—Q 4 | 9 B×B |
| 2 P—B 4 | 2 Kt—Q B 3 | 10 K×B | 10 P—K Kt 3 |
| 3 P—K Kt 3 | 3 P—K 3 | 11 B—Kt 5 | 11 B—Kt 2 |
| 4 B—Kt 2 | 4 P—Q Kt 3 | 12 Kt—K 4 | 12 B×P? |
| 5 Kt—K 5 | 5 K Kt—K 2 | 13 Q×B | 13 P×Q |
| 6 Kt—B 3 | 6 B—Kt 2 | 14 Kt—B 6 ch | 14 K—B 1 |
| 7 Castles | 7 P—Q 3 | 15 B—R 6 mate | |
| 8 Kt×Kt | 8 B×Kt | | |

GAME No. 5,321.

Played at Belgrade in August last.

Sicilian Defence.

| WHITE | BLACK | WHITE | BLACK |
|--------------|------------|--------------|----------------------|
| —, KONIEVICZ | —, LEWIN | —, KONIEVICZ | —, LEWIN |
| 1 P—K 4 | 1 P—Q B 4 | 9 Q—R 4 | 9 Q—Kt 3 |
| 2 P—K B 4 | 2 Kt—Q B 3 | 10 K—R 1 | 10 B—R 3 |
| 3 Kt—K B 3 | 3 P—K 3 | 11 R—K 1 | 11 B—Q 6 |
| 4 P—Q B 3 | 4 P—Q 4 | 12 Kt—R 3 | 12 P—R 5 |
| 5 P—K 5 | 5 Kt—K R 3 | 13 Kt—B 2 | 13 B—Kt 4 |
| 6 B—Kt 5 | 6 Kt—B 4 | 14 Q—R 3 | 14 P—B 5 |
| 7 B×Kt ch | 7 P×B | 15 P—Q Kt 4 | Mates in three moves |
| 8 Castles | 8 P—K R 4 | | |

GAME No. 5,322.

Played in the tournament at Győr, Hungary (see p. 452).

Ruy Lopez.

| Dr. ASZTALOS | Dr. BALOGH | Dr. ASZTALOS | Dr. BALOGH |
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| WHITE | BLACK | WHITE | BLACK |
| 1 P—K 4 | 1 P—K 4 | 18 R—Q 1 | 18 K Kt×P |
| 2 Kt—K B 3 | 2 Kt—Q B 3 | 19 Q×P | 19 B—Kt 5 |
| 3 B—Kt 5 | 3 P—Q R 3 | 20 Q—K Kt 3 | 20 Q—B 3 |
| 4 B—R 4 | 4 Kt—B 3 | 21 B—Kt 5 | 21 Q—K Kt 3 |
| 5 Castles | 5 B—K 2 | 22 B—Q 5 | 22 Q R—K 1 |
| 6 R—K 1 | 6 P—Q Kt 4 | 23 P—K B 4 | 23 Kt—Q 5 |
| 7 B—Kt 3 | 7 P—Q 3 | 24 R×Kt | 24 B—B 4 |
| 8 P—Q B 3 | 8 B—Kt 5 | 25 Q R—Q 1 | 25 Kt—B 3 |
| 9 P—K R 3 | 9 B—R 4 | 26 B×Kt | 26 Q×B |
| 10 P—Q 3 | 10 Castles | 27 K—R 2 | 27 B×R |
| 11 Q Kt—Q 2 | 11 P—Q 4 | 28 R×B | 28 P—R 3 |
| 12 Q—K 2 | 12 P—Q 5 | 29 B—R 4 | 29 Q—B 7 |
| 13 Kt—B 1 | 13 B×Kt | 30 B—B 6 | 30 P—Kt 3 |
| 14 Q×B | 14 Q P×P | 31 Q—R 4 | 31 K—R 2 |
| 15 P×P | 15 P—Kt 5 | 32 Kt—K 3 | 32 Q×R P |
| 16 P—Q 4 | 16 P×B P | 33 Kt—Kt 4 | 33 P—K R 4 |
| 17 P×P | 17 Kt—Q 2 | 34 Q—Kt 5 | 34 Resigns |

GAME No. 5,323.

Played in the tournament of the Novi Sad Club.

Scotch Opening.

| WHITE | | BLACK | | WHITE | | BLACK | |
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| —, MOGEAROFF | | G. POLIAKOFF | | —, MOGEAROFF | | G. POLIAKOFF | |
| 1 | P—K 4 | 1 | P—K 4 | 14 | Q—Q 3 | 14 | B—Q B 4 |
| 2 | Kt—K B 3 | 2 | Kt—Q B 3 | 15 | B—Kt 7 | 15 | Kt—R 4 |
| 3 | P—Q 4 | 3 | P×P | 16 | B—K 3 | 16 | B×B |
| 4 | Kt×P | 4 | Kt—B 3 | 17 | B×R | 17 | Kt—B 5 |
| 5 | Kt×Kt | 5 | Kt P×Kt | 18 | Q—Q 1 | 18 | Q—Kt 4 |
| 6 | Kt—B 3 | 6 | P—Q 4 | 19 | Q—B 3 | 19 | Kt—R 6 ch |
| 7 | P×P | 7 | P×P | 20 | K—R 1 | 20 | B—Kt 5 |
| 8 | B—Kt 5 ch | 8 | B—Q 2 | 21 | Q—K Kt 3 | 21 | B—B 5 |
| 9 | B—Kt 5 | 9 | P—B 3 | 22 | Q—Q 3 | 22 | Q—R 4 |
| 10 | B—R 6 | 10 | B—K 2 | 23 | P—B 3 | 23 | Kt—B 7 ch |
| 11 | Q—K 2 | 11 | Castles | 24 | K—Kt 1 | 24 | Q×P ch |
| 12 | Castles | 12 | P—K R 3 | 25 | K×Kt | 25 | B—Kt 6 |
| 13 | B—K B 4 | 13 | R—K 1 | | | | mate |

GAME No. 5,324.

Played in the Western championship tournament at Detroit.

Ruy Lopez.

| WHITE | | BLACK | | WHITE | | BLACK | |
|--------------|----------|-----------|----------|--------------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| S. RESHEVSKY | | R. ERDEKY | | S. RESHEVSKY | | R. ERDEKY | |
| 1 | P—K 4 | 1 | P—K 4 | 14 | Kt—R 3 | 14 | P—R 4 |
| 2 | Kt—K B 3 | 2 | Kt—Q B 3 | 15 | B—Kt 3 | 15 | B—Kt 2 |
| 3 | B—Kt 5 | 3 | P—Q R 3 | 16 | Kt×Kt P | 16 | P—R 5 |
| 4 | B—R 4 | 4 | B—B 4 | 17 | P—Q 3 | 17 | P×P |
| 5 | P—B 3 | 5 | P—Q Kt 4 | 18 | P×P | 18 | Q—Q 1 |
| 6 | B—B 2 | 6 | P—Q 3 | 19 | Kt—Kt 5 | 19 | R—B 1 |
| 7 | P—K R 3 | 7 | K Kt—K 2 | 20 | R—B 1 | 20 | Kt—R 1 |
| 8 | P—Q R 4 | 8 | B—Kt 2 | 21 | Q—R 5 | 21 | Q—Q 2 |
| 9 | P—Q Kt 4 | 9 | B—Kt 3 | 22 | Kt—K 6 | 22 | Kt×P |
| 10 | Q—K 2 | 10 | Kt—Kt 3 | 23 | Kt×R | 23 | Kt×P ch |
| 11 | P—Kt 3 | 11 | Q—B 3 | 24 | K—Q 1 | 24 | Q×Kt |
| 12 | P×P | 12 | P×P | 25 | B×P ch | 25 | K—Q 1 |
| 13 | R×R | 13 | B×R | 26 | Kt—K 6 ch | 26 | Resigns |

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"F.K.K." (Wellington, N.Z.).—The opinion expressed to you that, in Game No. 5,262 (August), you had a win at the point where you accepted perpetual check, is doubtless based upon the following highly speculative continuation: 44 Q—K 5 ch, Q—Kt 2; 45 R—Kt 3, R×K P; 46 R×Q, R×R; 47 Q—R 5 ch, R—R 2; 48 Q—Q 1. The position is then one of great difficulty for both players. Whilst it is not unlikely that an exhaustive analysis would demonstrate a win for Black, it is very improbable that the actual play under pressure of a time limit would have yielded any approximation to the analysis.

"A.R.B.T." (Cambridge).—In Game No. 5,307 (November) the course suggested in the note to the 24th move would lose a Pawn (by 24... B×P) as you point out; but as White could then continue 25 Kt—R 2, B—K 2; 26 Q—Q 1, he would get rid completely of the combination by which Black won. I have opportunity to reconstruct his game.

PROBLEM WORLD.

BY B. G. LAWS AND G. W. CHANDLER.

All communications respecting problems must be addressed to
Mr. B. G. Laws, 21 Nelson Road, Stroud Green, London, N.8.

BRITISH CHESS PROBLEM SOCIETY.

The following meetings will be held in Room No. 18, St. Bride Institute, Bride Lane, Fleet Street, E.C., at 6-30 p.m.

Friday, 19th December, 1924.—Paper by B. J. de C. Andrade, "A Modern Two-Move Theme."

Friday, 23rd January, 1925.—Paper by G. W. Chandler, "A Great British Problemist."

Friday, 20th February, 1925.—Paper by B. G. Laws, "Chess Problem Solos."

Friday, 20th March, 1925.—Paper by H. D'O. Bernard.

Tuesday, 7th April, 1925.—Paper by T. R. Dawson.

A conversazione, the first event of the season, took place on the 25th ult. and was thoroughly enjoyed by those participating.

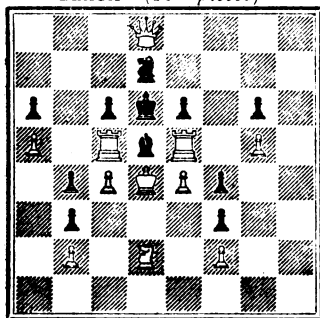
It is hoped that as many members as possible will attend these meetings and bring their friends. Through the generosity of H. D'O. Bernard, the Society are now in possession of another demonstration board, which will greatly facilitate the work of the lecturers and save delay in setting up positions.

The two following problems:—"the long and short of it," are offered as suitable for holiday chess. The two-mover is naturally easy by reason of its symmetry, but its pictorial setting will set off difficulty. The other position might be headed "The Harassed Queen." The solution will give no trouble. It was a recent extempore composition to illustrate the amusing play in which the Black Queen takes the defensive part.

"The King's Crown."

By W. E. CAINE
(Portsmouth).

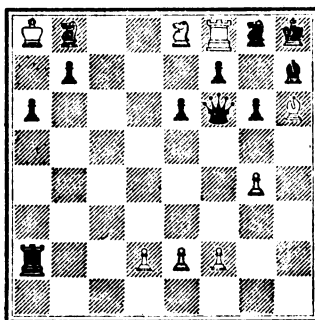
BLACK (11 pieces)



WHITE (11 pieces)
Mate in two.

By B. G. LAWS.

BLACK (11 pieces)



WHITE (8 pieces)
Mate in six.

CASTLING IN PROBLEMS.

The remarks we made and the criticisms by Mr. C. H. Brockelbank we printed respectively in our August and October issues upon the second prize three-mover by M. Havel in the *Prague Press* Tourney have revived the undying controversy as to whether a Castling move is a legitimate one to make in the solution of a problem. We have been informed that the author of this prize problem regarded the mates given by the key-making Knight after Black Castles on the second move of the two idea "continuations," as being the essence of his composition.

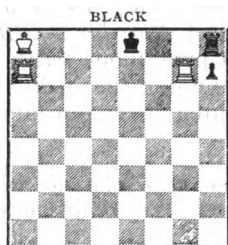
We hold that as no dictum has ever been made on the point, that in many international competitions the compound move has been specifically debarred (the ban being tacitly acquiesced in when conditions have been silent on the subject), and that never has a judge awarded honours to a problem with such a move, an arbiter or commentator has justification in refusing to recognise its propriety. Apart from these considerations of precedent the fact that no evidence of a negative character can be adduced to prove the move to be a lawful one affords a cogent reason for casting aside the putative affirmation. In the circumstances it is understandable that the claimed intention concealed in Havel's three-mover would, if suspected, be rejected as being a "catch" of the trickster.

A fundamental in problem construction is that the position presented is one which can be arrived at by a sequence of legitimate moves, however irrational, and consequently on its face carries an implied warranty that no particular antecedent moves are to be pre-supposed. It may be contended if on these premises Castling is objected to, the basis of the objection involves the assumption that the right to do so has been forfeited. This is not so. We merely maintain that the case is not proven and there is nothing in the Laws of Chess which entitles anyone to claim the benefit of a doubt.

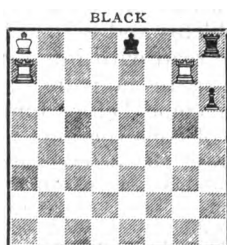
If by agreement or in conformity with the Laws of Chess a position in an advanced stage of an unrecorded game having King and Rook on their home squares, is entrusted to a third party for adjudication, is he to give a binding decision taking into account the possibility that Castling is a move still held in reserve for the combatant concerned, or should he treat the case *ipso facto*? It should be borne in mind that chess is an exact science and nothing in its unbending ordinance is left in doubt or to probabilities. Everything in proper chess is severly definite and any compromise would destroy exactness. Actuarial calculations on chances and logical *formulæ* based on hypotheses are in truth conjectural.

Take the first of the following diagrams. White can mate in two moves. Here it can be demonstrated that prior to reaching this position, either the Black King or Rook must have been moved. Now if we simply change the locale of the Pawn (as shown in the second diagram), does this give definite indication that the King

and Rook have remained stationary *ab initio* entitling Castling and so enabling an evasion of a mate in two?



WHITE



WHITE

If presupposition is sanctioned in the case of Castling, it may be advanced that there is no reason the privilege should not be extended to the Pawn takes Pawn *en passant* manœuvre. The postulate is not a parallel one, but is certainly a matter of degree. If one is asked to accept a certain condition of things in one case, there is no rhyme or reason why it should be altogether discountenanced in the other.

In the annexed diagram probability points to Black's last move as being Pawn from K 2 to K 4 which would enable White to mate at once by P×P *en pass*. This probability is, however, by common accord not entertained for one moment, consequently this likely move is barred and the unlikely one Pawn from B 3× (say) Knight at White's K 5 passed without a stain on its character.



WHITE

Mate in two.

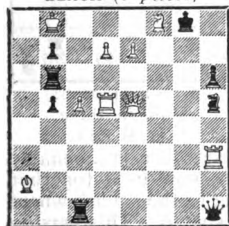
The whole question is one for settlement by a body of international experts and until there is an authoritative ruling upon the matter, the claim to the right of Castling in problems seems to us sophistical and inconclusive.

BAVARIAN CHESS ASSOCIATION THREE-MOVE TOURNAY.

First Prize.

By F. SACKMANN.

BLACK (8 pieces)



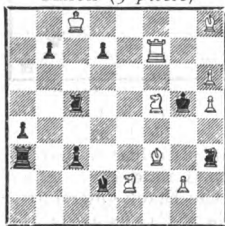
WHITE (9 pieces)

Mate in three.

Second Prize.

By H. DUSOLD.

BLACK (9 pieces)



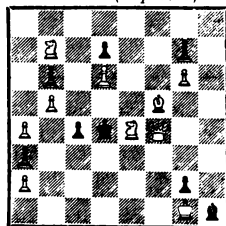
WHITE (9 pieces)

Mate in three.

Third Prize.

By M. SCHNEIDER

BLACK (8 pieces)



WHITE (10 pieces)

Mate in three.

Fourth prize, K. Laue ; hon. mentions, H. Dusold and W. Eiche.

CRITICISMS OF CHESS PROBLEMS.

The following observations by Dr. E. Palkoska, of Prague, who is well known in this country as a versatile composer of many meritorious problems and is the Chess Editor of *Narodni Politika*, will we are sure, be read with interest. He is a punctilious critic, if we may say so, and spares no pains in satisfying himself that works of importance which come before him are executed in conformity with the strict rules of construction.

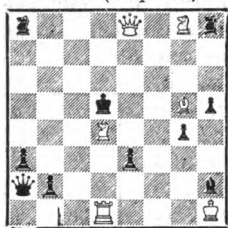
I have read Mr. Brockelbank's criticisms of the prize chess problems by O. Votruba and M. Havel which appeared in the *B.C.M.* for October, with great interest. They are mostly just and have importance in their educational value for problem composers.

I have brought to light in my chess column in *Narodni Politika* many examples of the sort. For instance:—

By M. HAVEL

(1914).

BLACK (10 pieces)



WHITE (6 pieces)

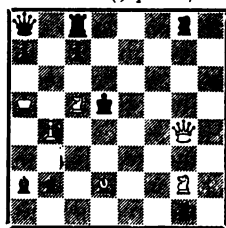
Mate in three.

(1 B e7.)

CONSTRUCTIVE STUDY.

(*Narodni Politika*, 1924)

BLACK (9 pieces)



WHITE (6 pieces)

Mate in three.

(1 B f4.)

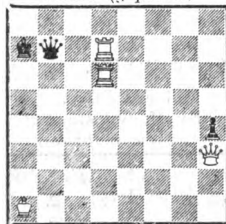
In Havel's problem the White Rook only commands the squares d3 and d4 and the White King is useless. My constructive study dispenses with this uneconomical White Rook by the simple use of a White Pawn only, giving a becoming position to the White King. It shows that Havel's "economical no White Pawn" treatment leads to the reverse of economy!

Another case:—

By NIL RUTBERG.

(*Dagbl. Allehanda*, 1924.)

BLACK (3 pieces)

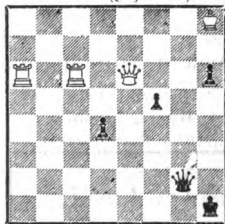


WHITE (4 pieces)

Mate in three.

(1 R f6.)

BLACK (5 pieces)



WHITE (4 pieces)

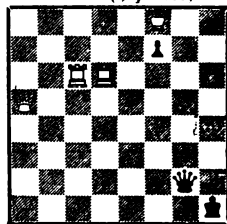
Mate in three.

(1 R a2.)

CONSTRUCTIVE STUDY.

(*Narodni Politika*, 1924.)

BLACK (3 pieces)



WHITE (4 pieces)

Mate in three.

(1 R d2.)

Here my constructive study indicates that the Ruthberg idea is amenable to a better and more sharpened rendering. The men are now used together in the blocking of the lines of the Black Queen after moving to the square where it is not pinned. Thus the Black Pawns at d4 and f5 are spared. This version also removes the bad second threat by 2 Q e1 ch and 3 R x R P mate and generally the position must be regarded as better.

E. PALKOSKA.

October 15th, 1924.

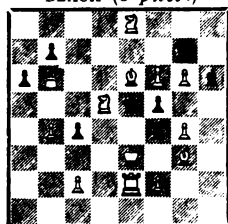
B.C.P.S. SELF-MATE TOURNEY.

Dr. Z. Mach, the chess editor of *Narodni Politika*, has quoted the two following Self-Mates set by way of comparison with the first prize problem by G. Heathcote in this tourney.

By K. A. L. KUBBEL.

Tidskrift for Schack
(1911).

BLACK (8 pieces)



WHITE (13 pieces)

White self-mates in three.

By K. TRAXLER.

Narodni Politika
(1924).

BLACK (9 pieces)



WHITE (12 pieces)

White self-mates in three.

The matter is instructive and shows how differently composers treat a special strategic idea. In some respects Kubbel has anticipated Heathcote's problem, but whether sufficiently so to justify the judges to alter their award is for their consideration. In Kubbel's there are only two second moves of White, necessitating twenty-one pieces whereas in Heathcote's there are four with twenty pieces.

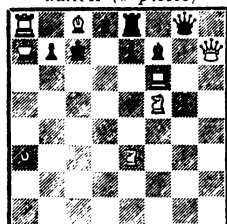
As for Traxler's position, this obviously is not an anticipation as the dates prove. It however shows a singular resemblance in all lines of play, but Heathcote's was in the hands of the B.C.P.S. before Traxler's was published.

"BRISBANE COURIER" TWENTIETH INTERNATIONAL TOURNEY.

First Prize.

By C. J. OOSTERHOLT
(Holland).

BLACK (8 pieces)



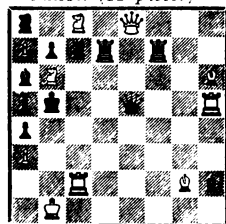
WHITE (8 pieces)

Mate in two.

Second Prize.

By ARTHUR MADSEN
(Denmark)

BLACK (11 pieces)



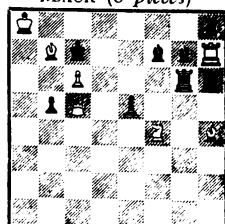
WHITE (10 pieces)

Mate in two.

Third Prize.

By B. G. FEGAN
(N.S. Wales)

BLACK (8 pieces)




WHITE (7 pieces)

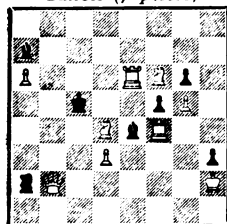
Mate in two.

Fourth prize, P. ten Cate, Holland. There were 118 entries, which means that the judge, Mr. Arthur Mosely, was faced with a formidable task. Nine per cent. of the entries were unsound.


The Twenty-first Two-move Tourney is announced. Last date for accepting problems is 31st July, 1925. Address: Chess Editor, *Brisbane Courier*, Brisbane.

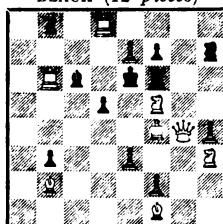
" FALKIRK HERALD " TWO-MOVE CHANGE-MATE TOURNEY.

First Prize. 
By J. VAN DIJK.
BLACK (7 pieces)



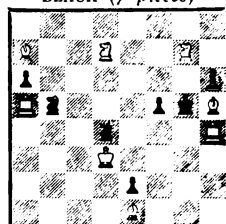
WHITE (9 pieces)
Mate in two.

Second Prize (*ex æquo*). 
By Dr. E. PALKOSKA.
BLACK (12 pieces)



WHITE (8 pieces)
Mate in two.


Second Prize (*ex æquo*).
By J. R. NEUKOMM.
BLACK (7 pieces)

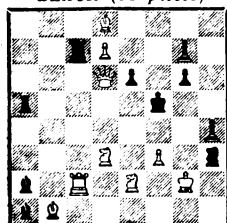


WHITE (8 pieces)
Mate in two.


Third prize, B. J. C. de Andrade ; fourth, G. F. H. Packer ;
hon. mention, N. Bonavia Hunt.

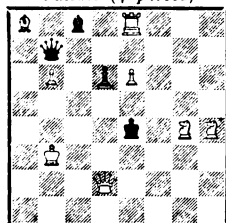
BUDAPEST CHESS CLUB INTERNATIONAL TWO-MOVE TOURNEY.

First Prize. 
By H. WEENINK
(Amsterdam).
BLACK (10 pieces)



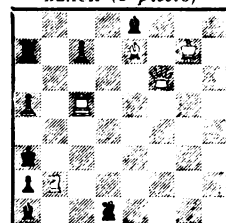
WHITE (9 pieces)
Mate in two.

Second Prize. 
By W. STEIB
(Bremen).
BLACK (4 pieces)



WHITE (8 pieces)
Mate in two.

Third Prize.
By A. JAKAB.
(Budapest).
BLACK (8 pieces)



WHITE (5 pieces)
Mate in two.

Fourth prize, J. Papp, Budapest ; fifth, A. Jakab, Budapest ;
hon. mentions, E. Pape, Paris ; K. A. K. Larsen, Copenhagen ;
T. Vész, Budapest ; S. Hermann, Budapest ; and F. Simhovici,
Roumania.

SOLVERS' SCORE " LADDER " COMPETITION.

Problems (October) 2,487 to 2,490 inclusive.

*J. A. Allcock (30) ; Dr. R. Tennant Bruce (405) 5-5-10-10 (435) ;
†A. T. Cannell (35) 5-5-10-10 (65) ; J. Chadwick (Sydney) (100) ;
R. W. Clark (Canada) (780) 5-5-10-10 (810) ; *W. H. Cutland (170) 5-5-
10-10 (200) ; **F. J. Dennis (435) 5-5-10-10 (465) ; J. C. Derlien (470)
5-0-10-10 (495) ; Rev. A. T. Dean (270) ; J. W. Davies (0) 5-5-10-10
(30) ; G. Fegent (730) 5-5-10-10 (760) ; *C. Folley (205) 5-5-10-10 (235) ;
**Albert Haddy (95) 5-5-10-10 (125) ; **W. F. Herbert (460) 5-5-10-

10 (490) ; J. A. Hatherill (225) ; Rev. F. O'D. Hoare (245) 5-5-10-10 (275) ; A. Galbraith (5) 5-0-10-10 (30) ; †G. Stillingfleet Johnson (370) 5-5-10-10 (400) ; N. V. Joshi (Pusa, India) (225 + 35 September) 5-5-10-10 (290) ; **Frederick Lee (580) 5-5-10-10 (610) ; *J. A. Lewis (135) 5-5-10-10 (165) ; *Hubert Lees (Auckland) (285) ; T. W. R. Leistikow (255) ; **Rev. N. Munro (275) 5-5-10-10 (305) ; R. J. Minns (600) 5-5-10-10 (630) ; D. Murray (255) 5-5-10-10 (285) ; Johannes Nielson (780) 5-5-10-10 (810) ; **A. Peacock (410 + 25 September = 435) 5-5-10-10 (465) ; T. Rosenfeld (265) ; *R. G. Thomson (490) 5-5-10-10 (520) ; *O. L. Telling (Monte Carlo) (0) 5-5-10-10 (30) ; "Tiro" (Ribe, Denmark) (200) 5-5-10-10 (230) ; R. G. Tyzack (85) ; A. C. Vaughan (0) 5-5-10-10 (30) ; *Rev. E. Wells (810) 5-5-10-10 (840) ; M. E. L. Wills (Gibraltar) (55) ; *W. A. Way (Malay States) (205 + 35 September = 240).

Rev. E. Wells has succeeded in reaching top score with his 840 points for October.

SOLUTIONS.

No. 2,487, by C. H. D. Clark.—1 K Kt—K 2.—A good key pinning the Queen, the subsequent two-fold release being the point of the problem. The theme is well carried out, save for the heaviness of the Queen mates. A good variation follows 1.., Kt—B 4.

No. 2,488, by C. G. Watney.—1 Kt—Kt 5.—A very neat rendering of three self-blocks on one square followed by self interference. Minor variations are naturally blended, and duals are few considering the freedom of the Black Queen.

No. 2,489, by J. Cauveren.—1 P—K 4, threatening 2 R × P ch, and 2 Kt—K 6 ch. If 1.., K × Kt ; 2 R—Q 6 ch. Easy, but noteworthy for its four model mates. There is no dual, in spite of the double threat—a most unusual feature with so many pieces.

No. 2,490, by L. A. Issaëff.—1 Kt—R 6, threatening 2 K—B 5. If 1.., K—Kt 3 ; 2 K—Kt 4. If 1.., R × B P ; 2 K—B 3. If 1.., P—B 6 or B—R 5 ; 2 K × P. If 1.., Kt × P ; 2 K—K 4. If 1.., B × P or Kt—B 1 ; 2 K—K 5. A remarkable strategic problem, constructed with great ingenuity. The obstruction play of the three Black pieces, followed in every case by a quiet move of the White King, is most interesting and original. The White Pawn on K 6 is a regrettable necessity.

By L. Knotek (p. 475).—1 B—Q 6, K × R ; 2 Q—B 2 ch. If 1.., Q × R or Q—Q 6 ; 2 Q—Kt 3 ch. If 1.., P—Kt 3 ; 2 Q × B P. If 1.., Q—B 4 or Kt 8 ; 2 B—K 6 ch. If 1.., others ; 2 Kt—K 7 ch. A fine illustration of the "pin-model" as shown in the first three lines. That brought about by 1.., P—Kt 3 is clever.

By K. A. L. Kubbel and Dr. Palkoska (p. 475).—1 Q—B 1, B—Q 5 or Kt—K 5 ; 2 Q—K Kt 1. If 1.., Kt—R 6 ; 2 Q—Q Kt 1. If 1.., B P moves ; 2 B—Kt 3 ch. If 1.., others ; 2 P—Q 4 ch. The two models with the King's Pawn are novel and no doubt the composers found expression of the idea very troublesome ; this can be seen in the rather awkward setting.

By M. Havel (p. 475).—1 Q—B 6, K × R ; 2 Q × B P ch, K—B 5 ; 3 B—K 5 mate. If 1.., B × R ; 2 Q × P ch, P—K 4 ; 3 B × P mate. If 1.., B—Kt 3, P—K 3, R—B 3 or Kt—Kt 4 ; 2 B—K 5 ch. If 1.., Kt—B 6 or × B ; 2 R—K B 3 ch. If 1.., others ; 2 Q—R 6 ch. We give the

two principal continuations to the mate in order that the peculiar point of the Bishop's mates should be made clear. It will be observed that in both cases the Queen could mate but for the respective pins by Bishop and Rook.

By K. Traxler (p. 475).—1 P—B 7, P—R 6 or B×P; 2 Q—K 7 ch. If 1..., Kt moves; 2 P Queens ch. If 1..., K moves; 2 P Queens ch. An odd and tricky little three-mover—in fact it is puzzling to solve.

By F. Havelka (p. 475).—1 Q—R 5, B—Q 3 or K 4; 2 Kt—Kt 5 ch. If 1..., P×Kt; 2 Q×Kt P. If 1..., K moves; 2 Q—B 3 ch. If 1..., B—B 5, P—Kt 6 or Q B moves; 2 Q—Kt 4 ch. If 1..., others; 2 Q×Kt P. Beyond the two model mates by Queen at Kt 1 and B 3, this is not an interesting piece of work, and moreover is easy to solve.

By N. K. Malakhov (p. 475).—1 Q—B 7, Kt—B 5; 2 B—K B 5 ch. If 1..., Kt—K 6; 2 R—Kt 4 ch. If 1..., K—Q 6; 2 B—Kt 5 ch. If 1..., P—Q 5; 2 Q×Kt P ch. If 1..., R×B, etc.; 2 Q×B P. If 1..., B×P; 2 Kt—B 5 ch. Very heavy, but there is good variety and the leading play (including the threat of 2 Q×B P) is ingenious and ends in unusual mates. The Black Rook at R 2 seems to be used in order that the mate in the threat should be a model by 1..., R×B.

By K. Traxler (p. 475).—1 B—Kt 5, Kt—Q 5; 2 Q×Kt. If 1..., Q Kt else; 2 Kt—B 7 ch. If 1..., K Kt—K 5 or Kt 5; 2 Q—R 1. If 1..., P×P; 2 P—K 4 ch. A skilful treatment of a difficult combination. The three Pawn mates are exceedingly pleasing.

By A. Ellerman (p. 475).—1 Q—Kt 2, Kt—B 5 or P—B 4; 2 Q—K 5. If 1..., Kt—Q 5; 2 Q×K Kt. If 1..., K Kt else; 2 P—R 4 ch. If 1..., Q Kt moves; 2 Q×Q P ch. If 1..., P—R 8 Queens or B—Kt 2; 2 B—Kt 3. If 1..., others; 2 Q×B P ch. A little flashy. Its brightness suffers somewhat by reason of the familiar mode of Queen sacrifice and the double threat.

By K. Traxler (p. 475).—1 B—Q B 7, Kt—K 1 or 3; 2 Q—K Kt 1 ch. If 1..., R×Kt; 2 R—Kt 4 ch. If 1..., P—B 4; 2 K B×P. If 1..., Kt—B 4 or others; 2 B×P ch. The author has succeeded in extracting some pretty effects from the White forces, but the variety is not considerable and the difficulty small as the Queen sacrifice line is already set.

By M. Havel (p. 476).—1 B—Q 6, K×B; 2 R—Q 4 ch, K—K 4; 3 Q—Q B 5 ch. If 1..., P×B; 2 Kt—B 6 ch, K—K 4; 3 Kt—Kt 5. If 1..., P—K 4; 2 Kt—B 6 ch, K—Q 3; 3 Kt—K 8 ch. If 1..., others; 2 R—Q 4 ch, K×R; 3 Q—Q B 5 ch. The triple echoed mate with Queen, Rook and Knight device is skilfully manipulated. We consider the key such an attractive one, though it is a give and take, to make the problem fairly easy, especially as it is followed by checks throughout the play.

By M. Havel (p. 476).—1 R—K B 5, K—Q 5; 2 R—Kt 3, B—Q 6; 3 B—B 6 ch. If 1..., K—Q 7; 2 R—B 3, B—Q 6; 3 B—Kt 5 ch. If 1..., K—K 6; 2 R—Q 1, B—Q 6; 3 Kt—B 2 ch. If 1..., K—B 6; 2 R—Q 5, B—Q 6; 3 Kt—K 4 ch. If 1..., B—B 1; 2 R—B 3 ch, K—Q 5; 3 R—Kt 5. If 1..., B—B 5; 2 R—B 3 ch, K—Q 5; 3 K—Q 6. If 1..., B—Kt 2 or 4; 2 R—Q 1 ch, K—B 6; 3 R—Q Kt 5. If 1..., P—R 3; 2 R—B 3 ch, K moves; 3 K—Q 6. This is a beautiful four-mover. When one has taken in the position 1 R—K B 5 appears a likely move, but the play which follows is by no means on the surface. The echoed pin model is a surprising feature and the other lines are most pleasing. It is a gem and we consider it superior to its companion.

By Dr. E. Palkoska (p. 476).—1 R—Kt 2, B—Kt 6; 2 R—Q B 2, Kt—B 3 (If 2..., K—B 2; 3 Kt—Kt 5. If 2..., others; 3 R—K 8 ch); 3 B—Kt 5. If 1..., Kt—B 3 or R 3; 2 R—Kt 7, any; 3 R—K 8 ch or ×Kt. If 1..., others; 2 Kt—Kt 5, Kt—B or R 3; 3 R—Kt 8 ch. A wily little problem. The feint to draw the Bishop to the Knight's file is smart. The threat itself is good and not very plain sailing.

By T. Salamanca (p. 476).—This is a three-mover. 1 R—Kt 7, Kt—B 3; 2 R—Kt 4. If 1..., Kt else; 2 Q—Kt 5 ch. If 1..., K—B 5; 2 R—Kt 4. Those who solved M. Feigl's splendid four-mover (*B.C.M.*, August, p. 339)

should have no difficulty with this position as it is but a section of it. This class of composition presents many troubles in constructing, as cooks and duals confront the composer at almost every phase.

By J. Paluzie (p. 476).—1 Kt—Q 6, R×Kt P; 2 Q—R 4 ch. If 1., Q×R; 2 Q—R 4 ch. If 1., R×B P; 2 Q—Kt 4 ch. If 1., R×B; 2 Q—Kt 4 ch. If 1., Q×Kt; 2 Q×R. This we take to be in the nature of a "task," the idea being the four pin-models. Outside of this feature, which is cleverly mastered, there is not much to enjoy.

By J. A. Erskine (p. 476).—1 Kt—Q 7, B×Kt; 2 Q—Kt 8 ch. If 1., K—Q 4; 2 Q—B 7 ch. If 1., others; 2 Kt—B 7 ch. A neatly executed three-mover with, however, limited variety. The key is a good one and some of the mates excellent.

By J. Rietveld (p. 476).—1 R—K Kt 5. A tastefully-set two-mover. Four of the defences to the threat bring about nice mating moves and the half-pin arrangement is neat. The key is easy.

By A. Mari (p. 476).—1 Kt—R 5. This is cooked by 1 B—K 5 dis ch.

By A. Mari (p. 476).—1 B—K 1. A good threat key opening up some pretty pinning and intersecting devices. Again a half-pin.

By J. Cauveren (p. 477).—1 R—R 4, R×R; 2 Q—K 3 ch. If 1., B—Q 4; 2 R×B P ch. If 1., R—Kt 4; 2 P—B 7. If 1., others; 2 P—Kt 4 ch. The judge, Mr. Bernard, wrote of this problem: "A charming position, containing pretty model mates, and a neat piece of strategy is comprised in the defensive 1., B—Q 4. The pin model which follows is particularly pleasing. The game player's move which ensues when 1., R—Kt 4 will probably prove the most puzzling continuation to the problemist."

By T. M. Stott (p. 477).—1 R—Q 1, R×R; 2 Q—K 3 ch. If 1., K—K 3; 2 Q—Q 2 ch. If 1., R—K 5; 2 Q×P. If 1., Q—R 5; 2 Q×Kt. If 1., Q—Kt or R 7; 2 R×R ch. If 1., others; 2 Q—Kt 3 ch. Mr. Bernard says of this: "The key is in capital style and the resulting models (one echoed) though on rather familiar lines, are presented in a neat setting."

By G. Heathcote (p. 477).—1 K—Kt 2, B×P ch; 2 K—R 3. If 1., K B moves; 2 Q—Kt 6 ch. If 1., others; 2 Kt—R 4. A crafty retirement of the White King. One hesitates to remove this piece because after 1., B×P ch; 2 B—K 4 looks like the intended reply. There are but three second moves but each is crisp and pointed.

By K. Traxler (p. 477).—1 Kt—Kt 7, Kt—K 2 or R 3; 2 Q—K 7 ch. If 1., K—Q 3; 2 P—K 5 ch. If 1., Kt×P; 2 R—B 5 ch. If 1., Kt—Q 4 or others; 2 Q—Kt 5 ch. The key is feeble for this composer, but the mates are really good.

By B. J. de C. Andrade (p. 477).—1 B—B 7, Kt—Q 4; 2 B×P, etc. If 1., R—Q 4; 2 Q—Kt 3. If 1., others; 2 Q—Kt 2 ch. The idea here is a clever one. The Black Knight in thwarting the threat occupies the square where the Rook is required to prevent 3 Q×P and should the Rook go to that square at once it stops the Knight from commanding Q B 6. The key is fairly difficult to find.

By P. S. Milner-Barry (p. 477).—1 B—B 6, P×B; 2 R—Kt 6 ch. If 1., P—K 5; 2 B—Q 4. If 1., B—R 4; 2 Q—B 6 ch. If 1.,—Q Kt moves; 2 B×P (Q 2) ch. A bright and uncommon problem with a key-move not readily seen, but the restricted position of the Queen soon forces a bold measure.

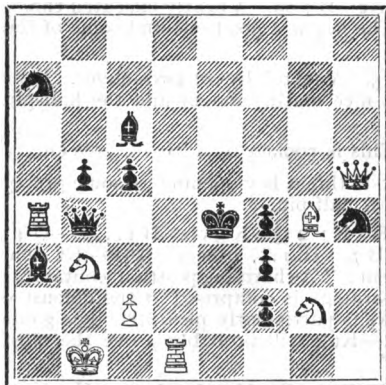
By A. W. Daniel (p. 477).—1 P—Kt 6, K×R; 2 B—Q B 6 ch. If 1., Kt—Q 3 or B 4; 2 R—K 5 ch. If 1., Kt—K B 4; 2 Kt—Kt 7 ch. If 1., others; 2 R—Q 4 ch. A pleasing three-mover without the White Queen. A good key, interesting variety and pretty mates.

By C. D. Locock (p. 477).—1 Kt—R 3, K—K 5; 2 Kt—Kt 5 ch. If 1., K—K 7; 2 B—Q 1 ch. If 1., B—B 4; 2 B—B 4 ch. If 1., others; 2 Q—K 1. The model mates given by Bishop and Knight are interesting and with an excellent key-move make this an enjoyable light-weight.

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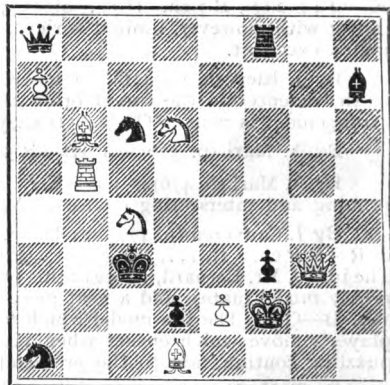


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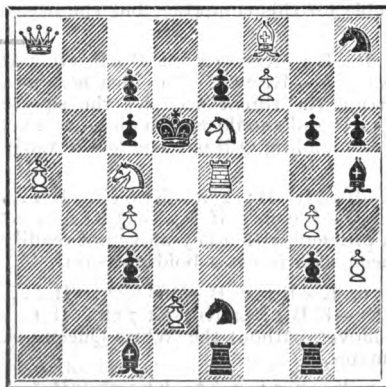


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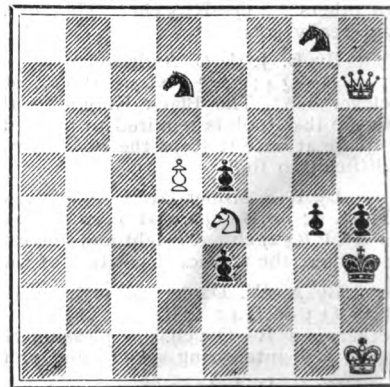


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